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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Future Of Trieste

THE agreement signed in London between Britain, the United States and Italy to give the Italians more administrative powers in Trieste's Zone A is the natural culmination of discussions extending over past months. The agreement, by itself, does not solve the so-called Trieste problem, but it does go a considerable way towards putting the Italians in Zone A on something approaching equal footing with the Yugoslavs who have assumed full administrative rights in Zone B. Marshal Tito declares that he will not recognize the three-power agreement; it is a negative gesture which possesses no effective substance, Yugoslavia cannot be held blameless for the failure to date to resolve the Trieste problem. Her own attitude has been uncompromising and adamant. She has rejected all of the Anglo-American suggestions for an amicable and satisfactory settlement, insisting that her claims are paramount. In the final analysis, as it has for some time been recognized, the issue must be settled between Italy and Yugoslavia, and now that Italy has been given a proper status, Yugoslavia, notwithstanding Marshal Tito's first reaction to the newly-created situation, may deem it advisable to seek a practical and permanent solution to the future of Trieste by holding direct discussions with the Italians.

Unworthy "Scoop"

WHETHER it be genuine or false, publication of the alleged secret report by Admiral Fechteler at this time is about the worst disservice the French newspaper Le Monde could do to the Western Allied cause. For the paper to argue that for the most part the report merely sums up a variety of opinions expressed by military strategists and politicians in the past does not alter the fact that publication at this moment is mischievously tactless. The newspaper's action appears to be deliberately calculated to widen the breach in opinion between Washington and London on the question of supreme naval command of NATO naval forces in the Mediterranean. This is a ticklish dispute but one which clearly can be settled without rancour providing discussions are kept within the proper orbit. A report such as that attributed to Admiral Fechteler, even if fabricated, is capable of arousing new suspicions and rendering more difficult the composing of opinion relating to NATO policies. All that Le Monde has done in publishing what is almost certainly a fictitious report, is to provide the enemies of the Western Powers with new propaganda ammunition.

HK Trade Unions

YESTERDAY'S uproar at the anniversary celebrations of the Hongkong and Kowloon Chinese Telephone Workers' Union is a further example of the intensified struggle which has been going on for some time for power within the Colony's trade unions. The situation was almost inevitable. Politics, rather than members' interests, have been a predominant concern in many of the unions. It is not surprising that the more level-headed trade unionists are becoming weary of their organisations being used as political forums. The crying need of many local trade unions is for members to find leaders who put members' interests first and political leanings last. When this has been accomplished the unions will function as they should and they will automatically gain the status which is rightfully theirs.

TANKS AIDED RELEASE OF GENERAL DODD

The Lucky Coffin

Ostend, May 11. A hospital patient here, told he had only a few days to live, bought himself a magnificent coffin lined with white silk. Then he surprised himself and his doctors by making a remarkable recovery. He sold the coffin to another seemingly hopeless case — 65-year-old Jacques Smets. Within a few days Jacques had recovered from severe internal hemorrhage. He sold it to a third desperately ill patient. He, too, is now on the way to full recovery, and today he was looking for a buyer for the lucky coffin.—Reuter.

35 Killed When Stand Collapses

Buenos Aires, May 11. Thirty-five people were killed last night when a brick wall being used as an improvised grandstand collapsed on top of them as they watched a boxing match at Bell Ville, 250 miles northeast of here.

At least 20 were reported in serious condition today. Hospitals at Bell Ville are jammed with injured and with anxious relatives.

The wall was 25 yards long and five yards high.

The disaster occurred in an open space enclosed by two seven-yard walls where weekend dances and sports competitions were held.

Last night the enclosure was roofed off by canvas to protect the 1,000 spectators from a storm. The canvas, heavy with accumulated water, pulled in one of the walls, trapping 150 people.

Police and the local fire brigade worked among the rubble until dawn, releasing the dead and injured.

Soon after reports of the accident reached Buenos Aires, Senora Eva Peron's Foundation sent a caravan with doctors, nurses and medicines, which reached here early today.—Reuter.

Honeymooners Missing

Sydney, May 11. A man and his wife were reported missing on a honeymoon flight today between Indonesia and Port Darwin aboard a private aircraft.

The pilot of the plane is Captain Martin Cherry of Sydney who served with the Royal Australian Air Force during the war and since worked as a taxi pilot and ferry pilot.

He married an English girl last month, and was bringing his bride to Sydney in the aircraft. Aircraft are now searching for the missing plane near Port Darwin where the aircraft was reported three hours overdue.—France-Press.

Bus Crashes Over Embankment

Rome, May 11. About 30 persons were injured 15 miles from Folligno in the province of Ancona when a bus crashed over an embankment owing to failure of its brakes.

The occupants of the bus were going to a football match.—France-Press.

Over 120 Firemen Fight Blaze

London, May 11. More than 120 firemen fought a blaze today at a rubber works here. The building was almost gutted by the fire, which lasted six hours.—Reuter.

Trial Shots Had Due Effect On Reds

CORRESPONDENT'S STORY OF POW CAMP SCENES

Seoul, May 11.

Brigadier-General Francis Dodd was released by his Communist captors on Saturday after flame-throwing tanks were lined up in front of Compound 76 and unleashed several trial bursts of searing fire, the United Press was told today.

According to the informant, the Eighth Army Commander, General James A. Van Fleet, told the rebellious Communist prisoners that they must release Gen. Dodd alone and unharmed "or we are coming in to get him."

The flame-throwing tanks fired but did not harm any of the prisoners who seized Gen. Dodd on Wednesday, and held him captive for three days.

On Sunday, Gen. Dodd was en route to Japan for conferences with high Army officers, including the Far East Commander, General Mark W. Clark. Gen. Dodd had conferred with Gen. Van Fleet in Seoul.

Gen. Dodd had been scheduled to talk to the press on Sunday, but after several postponements, the Eighth Army announced that no public statements will be made by the General until the current investigation is completed.

Army officers indicated that the press conference now is postponed indefinitely.

The United Press informant said after the flame-throwing tanks sent several trial bursts of fire in the full view of 6,000 Reds in Compound 76, the North Koreans offered to make an agreement in writing. Gen. Van Fleet then repeated the order to release Gen. Dodd.

The tanks were lined up abreast in front of the compound but their number was not disclosed. The informant said Gen. Dodd's capture was apparently the result of a well-worked-out plan.

Communist leaders had requested a conference, Gen. Dodd and two colonels entered the compound. (Official Army statements thus far indicated that only one colonel was with Gen. Dodd when the Communists pounced. He was Lieutenant Colonel W. Raven.)

The informant said that the prisoners gradually separated Gen. Dodd from his two companions, then pounced on him and dragged him into one of the blocks. The Army refused either to confirm or deny statements of the United Press informant.

NEWSMAN'S STORY
But the informant was substantially confirmed by the only American correspondent who managed to go to the island. Sanford L. Zalberg, correspondent for the International News Service, said in a pooled dispatch that the "Army on Saturday massed at least 20 medium tanks and the threat of using them had an effect in freeing Gen. Dodd at 9:30 on Saturday night."

Excerpts from Zalberg's dispatch added, "I visited Koje Island for eight hours on Saturday morning. Evidently I arrived on the morning of 'D-Day'—Dodd Day. I was kept under guard during my stay. The Army said Gen. Dodd was unharmed. Early on Saturday tanks arrived by ship at Koje Island. I counted 20 Patton and Sherman tanks in heavy rain down the muddy road en route to Compound 76, where more than 6,000 fanatic North Korean prisoners of war kept Gen. Dodd in custody."

"Though the Army kept guard over me I was able to talk to men and officers. They said Gen. Dodd was well-treated."

"An infantry officer who was on duty in front of Compound 76 enclosure for three days after Gen. Dodd's captivity, said he watched the Communists on Friday transfer Gen. Dodd from one tent to another. He said he could see Gen. Dodd plainly. Gen. Dodd was about 100 yards away and surrounded by a great mass of Communists. None of the Reds laid hand on Gen. Dodd. The officer said, 'We intend to give them one more chance to surrender the General today. If they don't we are moving in.'"

FRIGHTENED
The lieutenant said on Saturday for the first time since Gen. Dodd was taken hostage, his captors seemed frightened by the gravity of their action. He said, "They knew we are moving in. They were scared."

There was not any more singing, shouting or fooling around as there had been. In previous days when they thought they had the upper hand, the officer said that Communist POWs on Koje Island were bold and unafraid of the American guards. The guards must treat the prisoners with a gloved hand.

On Koje Island there were many versions of how Gen. Dodd was captured.

Many soldiers said they thought Gen. Dodd was a fine general. Few soldiers on Koje do know what the Communists were demanding.

One officer said the Communists "keep making demands sort of like at Panmunjom."

Other soldiers said they understood that the Communists concerned chiefly with the Allied interrogation of POWs. They wanted it to be stopped. Zalberg said the Army was greatly upset by my arrival on Koje Island on "D-Day." They took away my correspondent's accreditation card temporarily but returned it. I travelled to Chinha on the south coast of Korea via an authorized air force courier. At Chinha I tried to find a military transport to Koje but none was available. A fisherman took me across to Koje-do in a 20-foot boat. The trip took four hours through rain-swept seas. We landed at a village.

ARMED PATROLS

"Jeeps with armed military police ran up and down the coastal road. There were armed patrols at intervals. It would have been impossible to walk around undetected. I walked into a native police station and told them to call the American military police. Members of an MP company duly arrived and took me along. They were courteous but kept a sharp watch. I reported to Lt. Col. Alanson T. Leland, provost marshal. While waiting in his office I watched the Pattons passing by. I counted 20 and more came by."

"First Lieutenant William D. Hall, public information officer, told me that the commander was irritated with me. I told Lt. Hall the tremendous human interest impact of the story. I requested an interview with the new commanding officer at Koje-do, Brigadier-General Charles F. Colson."

"Lt. Hall asked for my correspondent's accreditation card and I gave it to him. Lt. Hall then took my request for an interview to the general. Gen. Colson turned it down. I was then ordered to leave the island. I asked Lt. Hall to return my card."

"Lt. Hall said he was sorry but he could not under instructions. I protested. Lt. Hall said the card would be returned to me at Pusan. It was returned to me."

TIGHT SECURITY
"During my short stay on Koje-do, I saw how tight was the security there. One could not have walked 100 feet without soldiers or military police picking you up for questioning."

"The South Korean police working with the Americans seemed to be efficient too. Koje Island's compound was heavily guarded with two high towers surrounding each plot."

"At night light's blaze down in the corners of the compound are three-story high houses where machineguns are mounted."

"On Koje Island, there are 128,000 refugees from North Korea. In fact, one settlement is named Hungnam port, from which the United States Navy evacuated many Koreans during the United Nations retreat from North Korea."

"Tough diehard Communists are held on Koje. Non-Communist prisoners of war who said they did not want to go back home were moved from Koje. Eighty thousand hardcore Communists remain." —United Press.

Japan Wants Trade Ban Relaxed

Tokyo, May 12.

Kyodo, quoting authoritative government sources, said Japan intends to negotiate with the United States for relaxation of the present restrictions on trade with Communist nations.

The negotiations, the same circles said, will be started regardless of developments in the Korean truce talks.

These quarters declined to reveal the full extent of the planned relaxation but indicated that textiles, machinery, paints, dyes and some other items may be removed from the list of banned goods.

The contemplated relaxation will be strictly in keeping with the provisions of the Battle Act of the United States or embargoes enforced by Western nations.

Government sources said the Japanese list of banned export goods to Communist nations, fixed while under the occupation, is broader than that fixed by the Battle Act.

Trade circles in Tokyo believe Communist China is contemplating reviving its policy to expand trade volume with the Western bloc countries, including Japan.—Associated Press.

EXPLOSION ON OIL TANKER

New Orleans, May 11.

Three persons were killed and two others seriously injured when an oil tanker exploded here today. The tanker was unloading its oil when the catastrophe occurred.—France-Press.

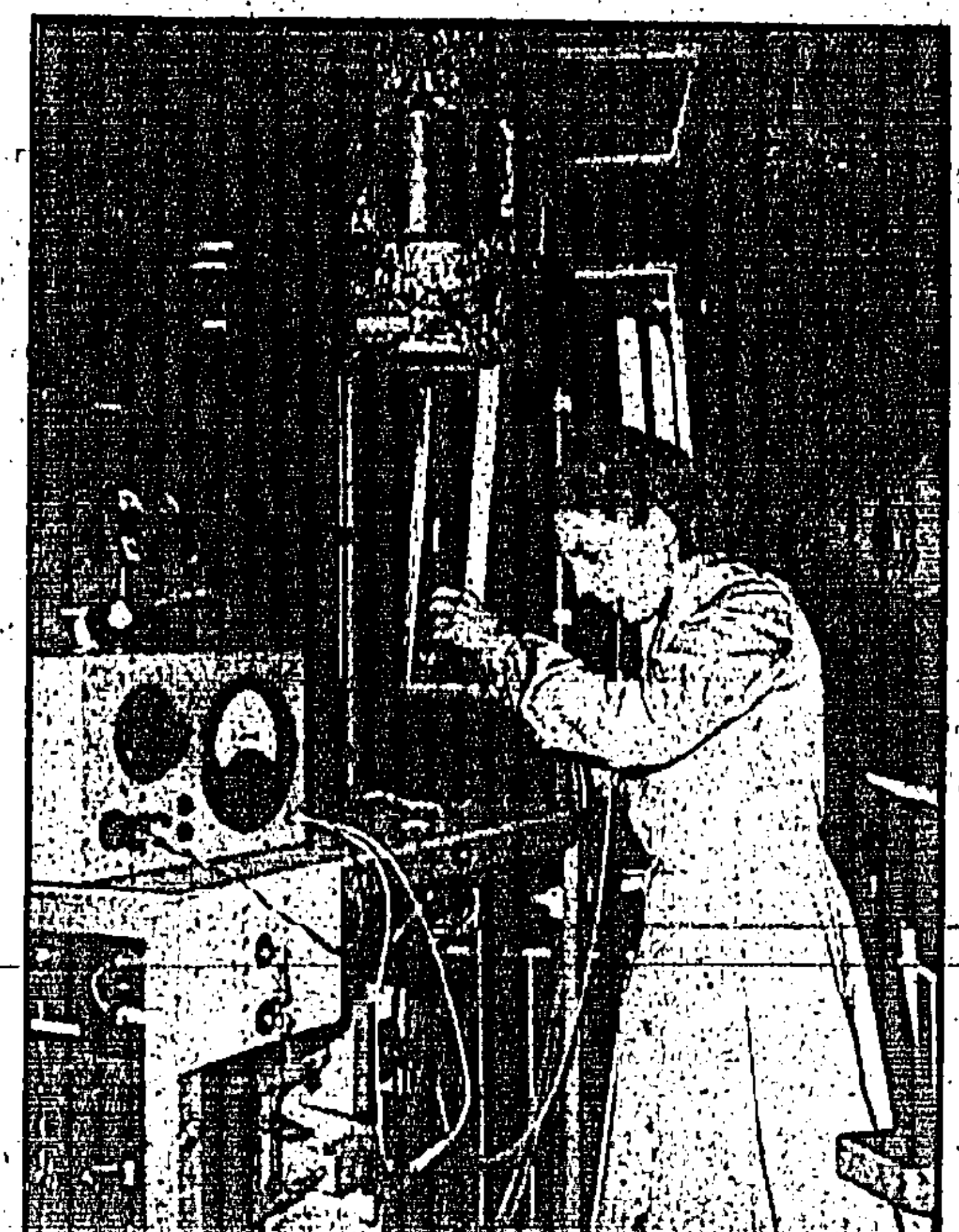
Tornado Strikes

Atlanta, Georgia, May 11.

Several persons were injured and about 22 shops and homes were damaged when a tornado lashed the Georgian town of Alpharetta today.—Associated Press.

On Show At The BIF

Ammunition Blows Up



The transmutation of base metal into gold — aim of the ancient alchemists — is reversed by this product of atomic science on view in the heavy engineering section of the BIF at Birmingham. Jean Reid, of Harrow, Middlesex, is seen scaling a mercury isotope electric discharge lamp. It utilizes the mercury isotope 198, produced by the bombardment of gold with neutrons in the interior of the atomic pile at Britain's atomic research station, Harwell. Obtaining a mercury discharge from gold foil, the lamp attains increased accuracy in length measurement.—Reuterphoto.

WILD AFFRAY IN ESSEN

Essen, May 11.

Police gunfire killed one youth and gravely wounded two others today in a wild affray touched off by an outlawed demonstration of 30,000 Communist youths against West German peace contracts with the Big Three.

Fanatical Communist youths fought police with guns, flaming torches and stones.

The authorities said demonstrators started shooting and firing at the police, who were struggling against heavy odds to break up the banned rally.

One policeman was injured seriously in the head and several others suffered lesser injuries at the hands of the mob.

Phillip Mueller, 21, of Munich, was shot through the chest during the brawl and died a little later in Essen City Hospital.

Albert Breckhauser, 24, of Kassel, was shot in the back and Bernard Schwarze, officer worker from Muenster, was shot through the knees. Both are in hospital.

RALLY FORBIDDEN

The police said they believed Mueller, Breckhauser and Schwarze were members of the Communist "Free German Youth", an organisation outlawed in West Germany after the Court had ruled that its aims and purposes violated the constitution.

The rally in Essen, heavily bombed Ruhr industrial city, was billed as a mass meeting of "the young generation". The police forbade it after reporting indications that it was shaping up as a Communist demonstration against the "contractual agreement between the Allied and West Germans now being concluded in Bonn."

Youths gathered here from all over the Ruhr and the Rhineland for the mass protest. Ignoring the police ban on the meeting, they streamed in by hired buses.

The authorities undertook to block the main highways into Essen, but the visitors filtered through or around the roadblocks by the thousands and gathered in the heart of the city. The chief assembly area was the downtown Garden Exhibition.

The police hurried to the area and several times broke up gathering knots of demonstrators before they could merge.—United Press.

Kiel, May 11.

About 50 tons of German wartime ammunition, salvaged from the bottom of the Baltic Sea, blew up this afternoon after a fire broke out in an ammunition dump in Jaegerdorf, about 15 miles from Kiel, on the shores of Kiel Bay.

Three separate big explosions rocked the entire area, and the blast waves were felt strongly five miles away. The rumbling of the explosions was heard in Kiel.

Many smaller explosions followed the main bursts, which turned the area of the dump to a moonlike crater field. Window panes and lamps were shattered in the surrounding villages. Nobody was injured.

Police cordoned off the area in a wide circle, fearing further small explosions.

RAISED BY DIVERS

Huge black and grey clouds hung over the area for several hours. No estimate of the damage was available.

The ammunition, dumped into the Baltic Sea by the British at the end of the war, was raised by German divers for scrapping. The dump was owned by the State Government of Schleswig-Holstein.

Police believed that in the last of the three big explosions, the strongest of all, two British wartime sea mines that had been salvaged went off.

The origin of the fire was not yet determined. Government explosives experts believed powder had seeped out of some naval artillery shells and started burning through spontaneous combustion.

Police and explosives experts could not investigate tonight because live shells were still hurled about from time to time, and it was not yet certain that the fire had died down completely everywhere.—Reuter.

Another Flying Saucer

La Roche Sur Yon,

France, May 11.

A group of people yesterday sighted a flat, egg-shaped object flying in the sky silently and at a high speed. It was reliably reported here today.

Witnesses added that the object reached a similar object which seemed to wait for it to come on and both then vanished on the horizon.—France-Press.

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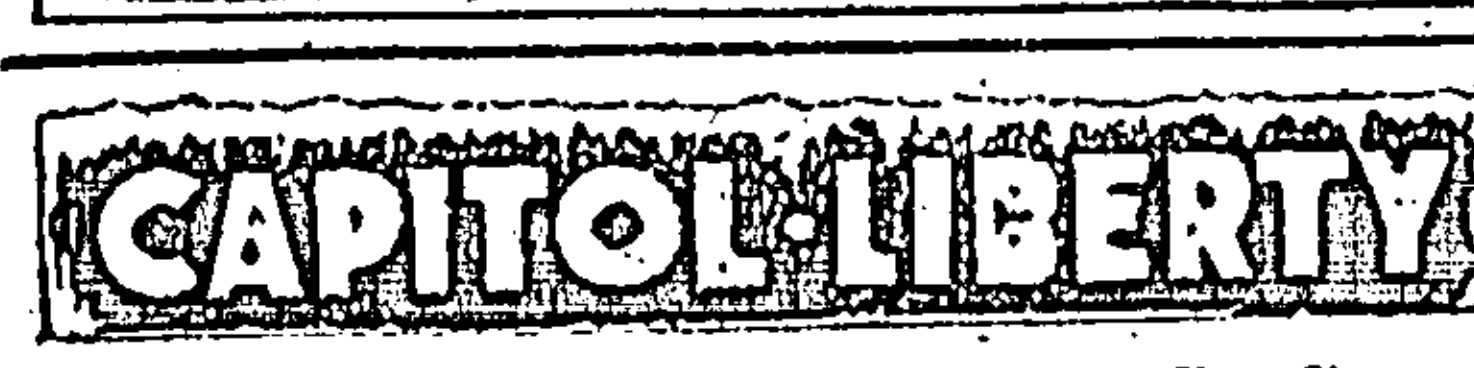
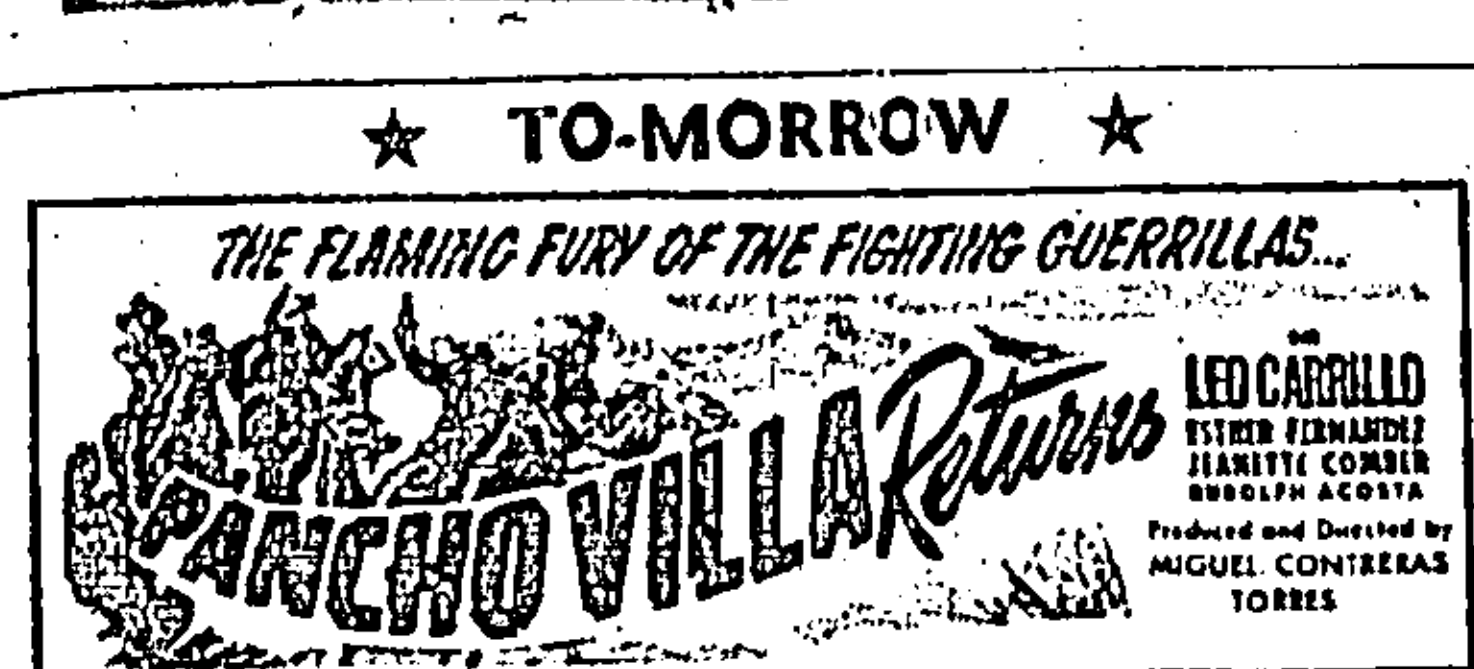
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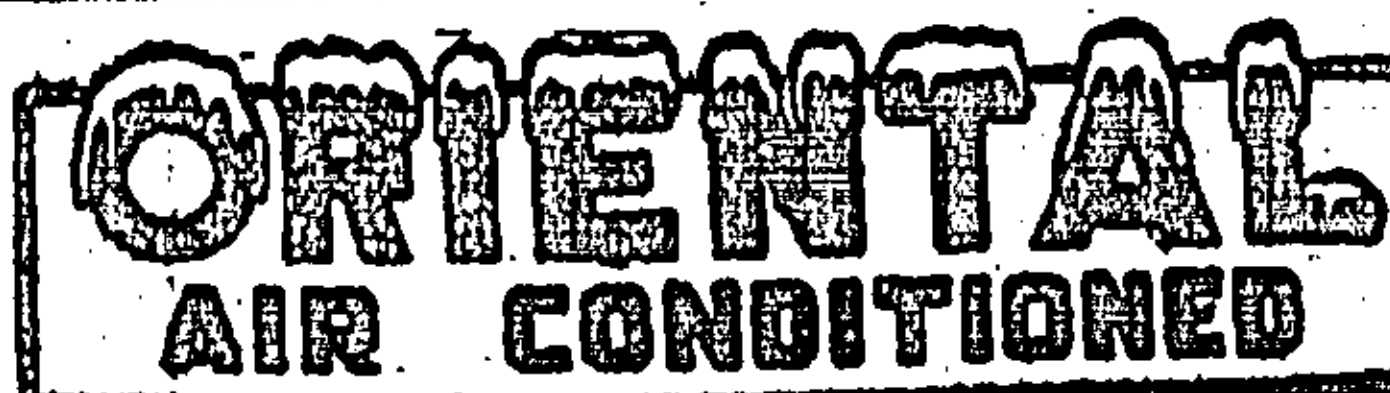


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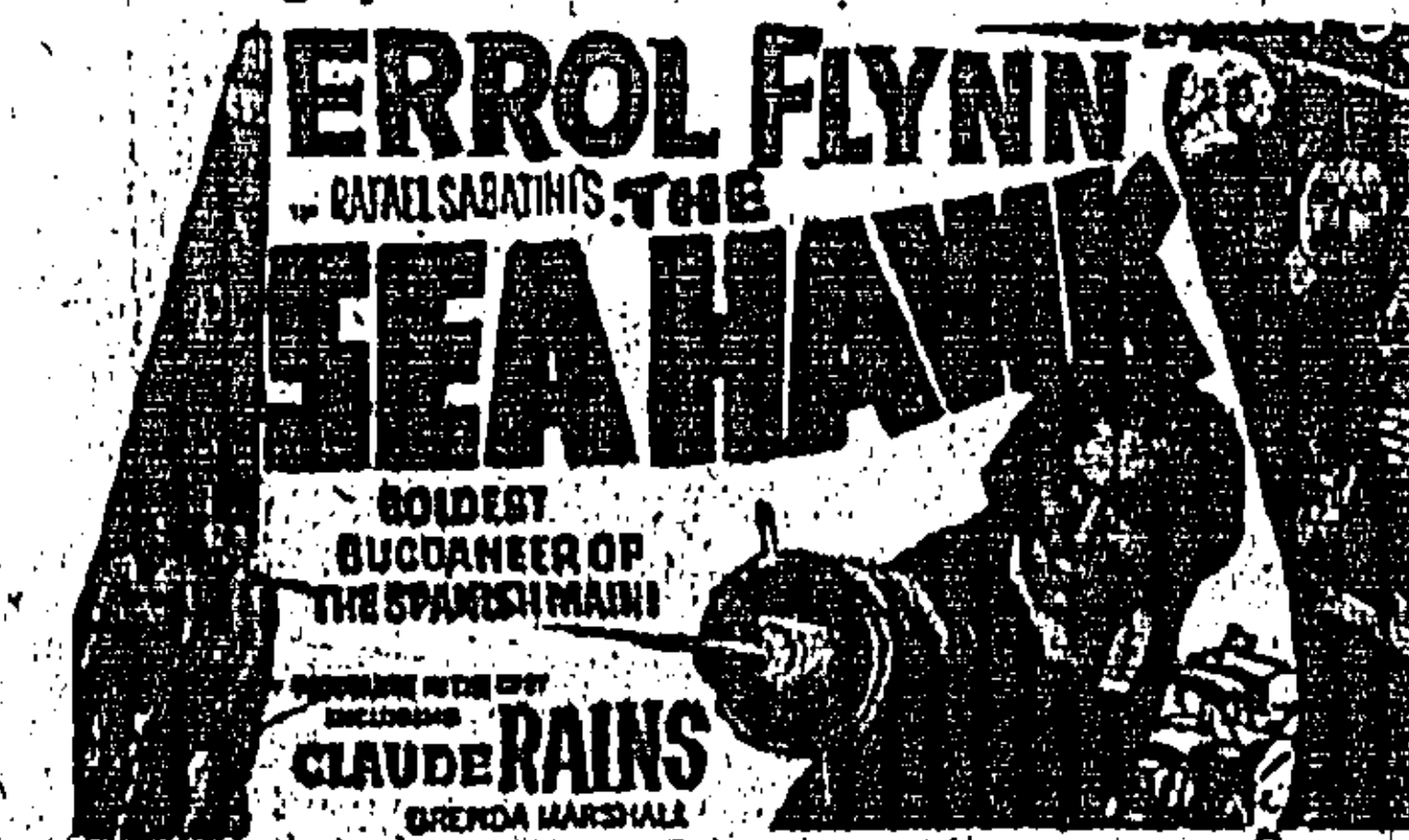
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Filipino Senator Warns Against Resurgent Japan

Manila, May 11.

If the fears expressed by the foremost opposition foreign policy expert, Senator Claro M. Recto, are correct, the Philippines may well resign herself to being gobbled up anew by a resurgent, militaristic Japan.

It was Mr Recto who several days ago startled the nation with the announcement that the Mutual Defence Pact between the Philippines and the United States does not provide for America coming to the defence of the Philippines in the case of aggression by non-Communist nations.

Italy's Shipping Revival

Palermo, May 11. The Italian Minister of Merchant Marine, Paolo Cappa, said here today Italy will soon have rebuilt her merchant fleet, of which nine-tenths was lost in the war.

He was speaking at the launching of the 2,250-ton vessel "Sicilia", which will ply between Messina and the Italian mainland.

Premier Alcide De Gasperi attended the ceremony. Signor Cappa said the Italian merchant navy now totals 3,350,000 tons against the pre-war total of 3,500,000 tons.—Reuter.

Alexander Mission To Paris

Paris, May 11. British support for the six-nation European Army will be reviewed on Monday when the British Defence Minister arrives here for important talks with his French opposite number.

Field Marshal Earl Alexander will be in almost constant session with the French Defence Minister, officials said. The European Army pact, which was approved by a conference of experts on Friday, will link the armies of Germany, Italy, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg when it is ratified by all Parliaments.

Britain said she could not be formally tied to the continental defence community but would give useful aid and support. The British Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, agreed that matters of inspection, administration and supply would be handled in connection with the European Army.

These matters will be discussed by Lord Alexander, as well as possibilities of training European Army troops—probably Germans—with the British forces in Germany, sources here said.—United Press.

Templer's Shake-Up Of Police Have To Intervene

Kuala Lumpur, May 11. New key posts, including for the first time a director of intelligence, have been created as the High Commissioner, General Sir Gerald Templer, continues the reorganisation and streamlining of the Malayan Federation Government machinery.

The new Intelligence overall chief will co-ordinate work of all intelligence agencies in the Federation. Other appointments include those of seven Assistant Organisation and Methods Advisers from the United Kingdom Civil Service, whose task will consist of "streamlining" Government work. There will also be a new Security Officer in the Defence Branch, who will examine and keep in constant review all aspects of security, especially the safeguarding of secret documents. The reorganisation is aimed at increasing the efficiency of all Government departments.—Reuter.

West Germany's Shipping

Hamburg, May 11. The West German merchant fleet on May 1 consisted of 735 units of a gross tonnage of 1,164,012, according to statistics published today by the Association of German Shipowners. Coastal shipping on May 1 had a fleet of 910 units with a gross tonnage of 134,181.—France-Press.

Red Cross Anniversary



Princess Josephine Charlotte, sister of King Baudouin of the Belgians, cuts the ribbon and performs the ceremony of inaugurating "Red Cross Street" in Brussels on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of the Belgian Society.—Express Photo.

PANAMA GOES TO THE POLLS

Panama City, May 11. Panama went to the polls today to elect a President, two Vice-Presidents and 52 Deputies to the National Assembly.

The election came just a year after Panama changed its President amidst bloody riots, in which 12 people were killed. Those arrested at that time included the deposed President, Arnulfo Arias, whose attempt to return to an earlier Constitution for the State led the National Assembly to proclaim President the former Vice-President Alcibades Arsemena.

Arias was later released. The withdrawal from the elections of the Panamenista Party headed by Dr Arias left only two men contesting the Presidency. Colonel Jose Antonio Remon, candidate of the National Patriotic Coalition, is a former commandant of the National Police. He is regarded as able to count on their entire support of the Government and the armed forces.

His opponent is Roberto Francisco Chirri, supported by a five-party coalition, the Civil Alliance, which favours civil rather than military government. Supporters of the Panamenista Party, unable to vote for their own man, might, it was thought, switch their votes to Chirri and possibly ensure his election.—Reuter.

An Unusual Portrait

London, May 11. Experts have told Mr George G. Hodgson, 48-year-old station-master at Long Marton, Westmorland, that they believe he is the owner of a Rembrandt painting.

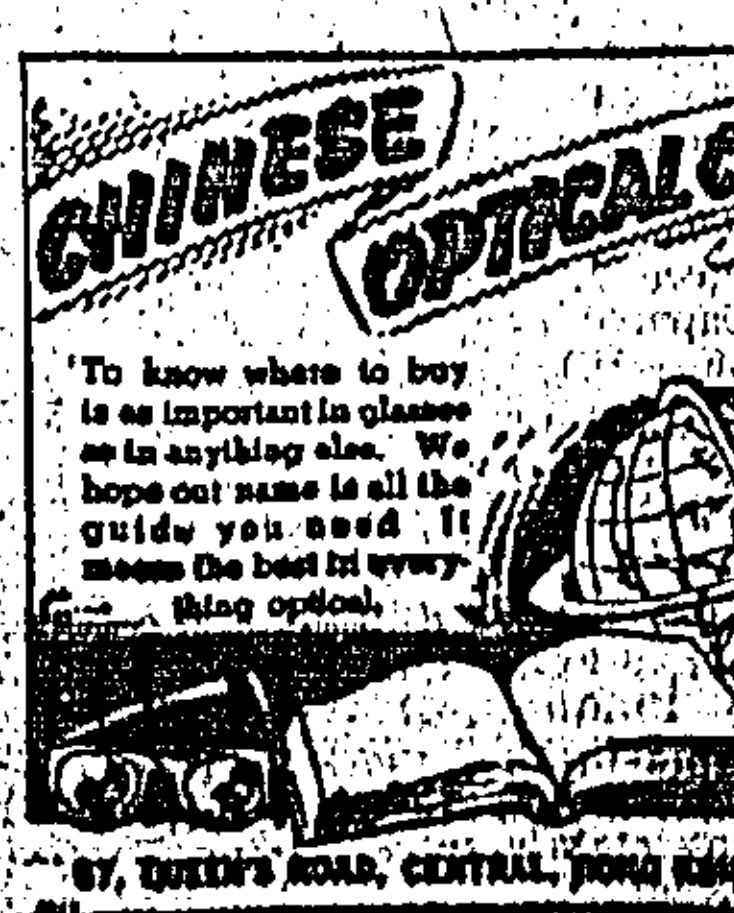
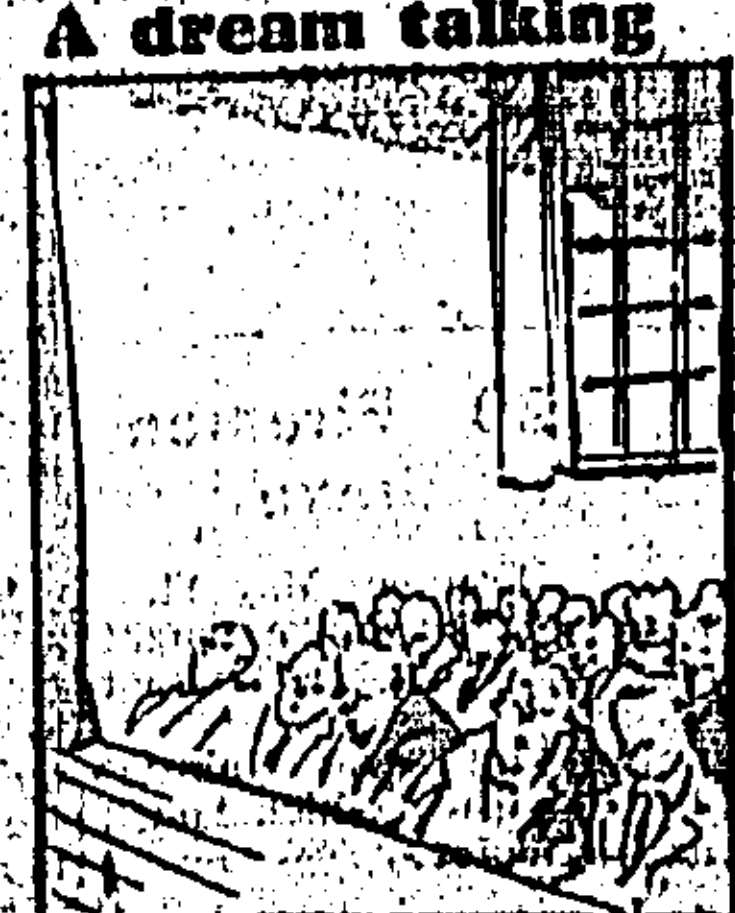
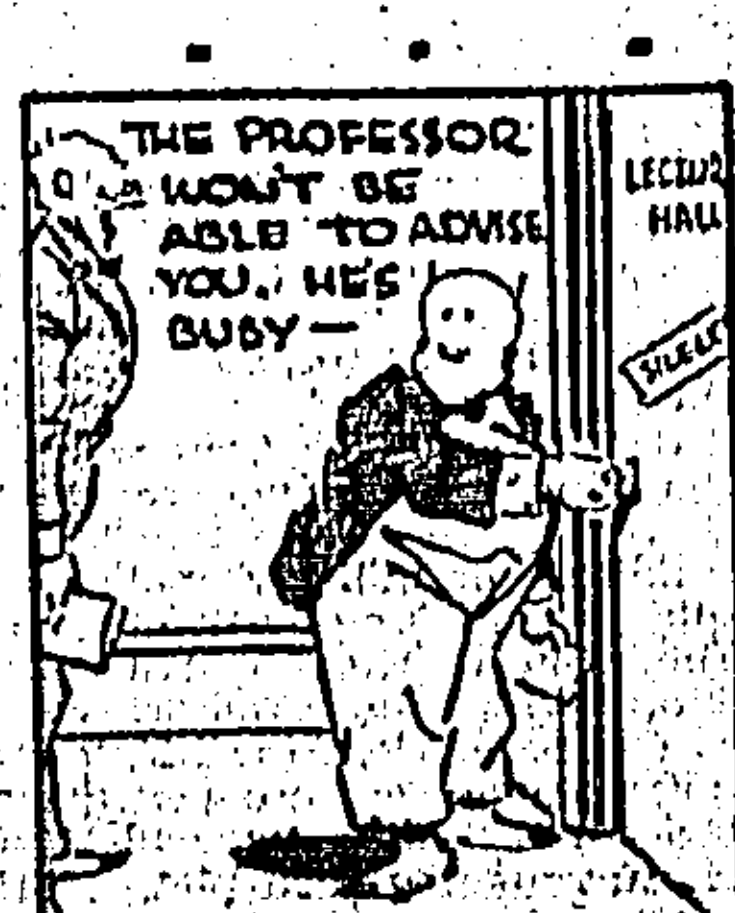
Mr Hodgson said: "I don't know how much the painting is worth, and I don't care. It is one of those things on which you can't put a price."

The picture, which measures 18 in. by 7 in., is a portrait of Christ which except for the shoulder-length hair, is similar in treatment to the face in Leonardo da Vinci's "crucifixion."

Mr Hodgson bought the picture after seeing it hanging in the Market Hall at Fenchurch. He has been a collector of all his life and thought the painting unusual.

Diploma Racket

Paris, May 11. The President of the National Union of Dance Instructors was fined 50,000 francs here yesterday for selling diplomas to dancing "professors".—United Press.

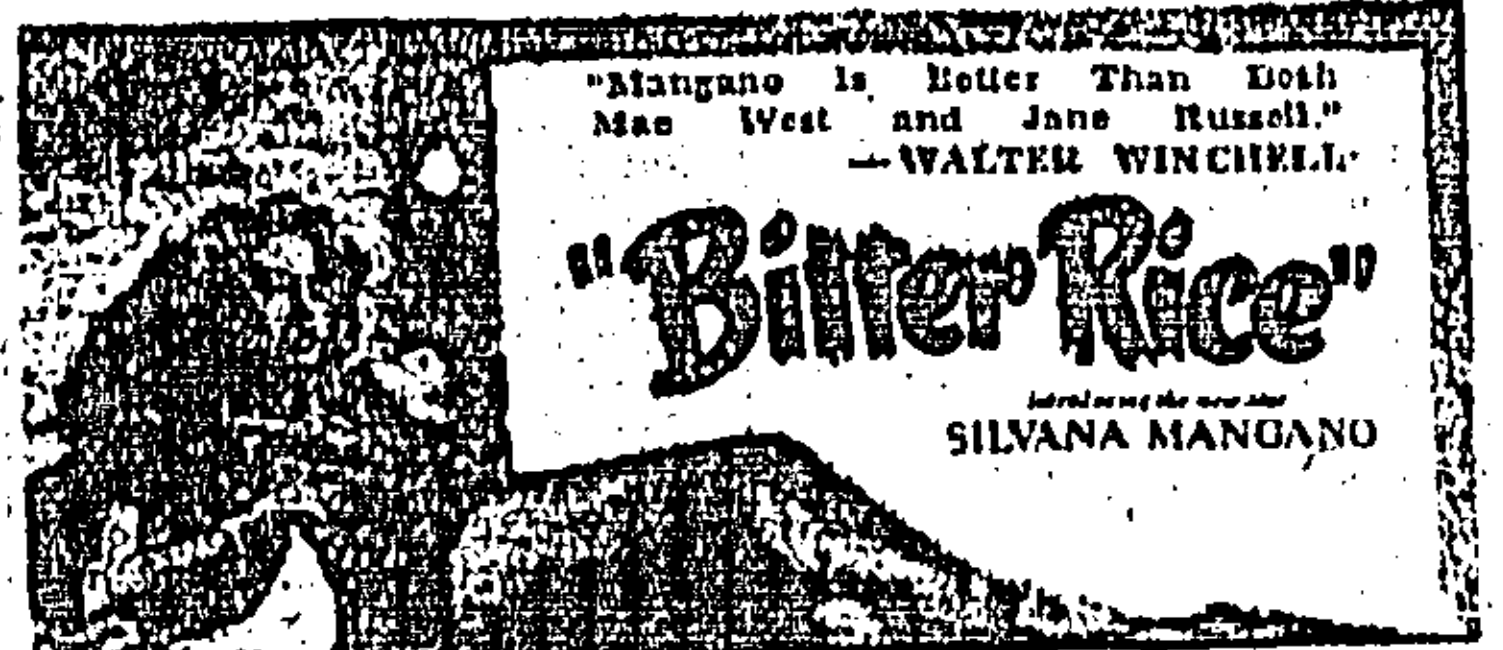


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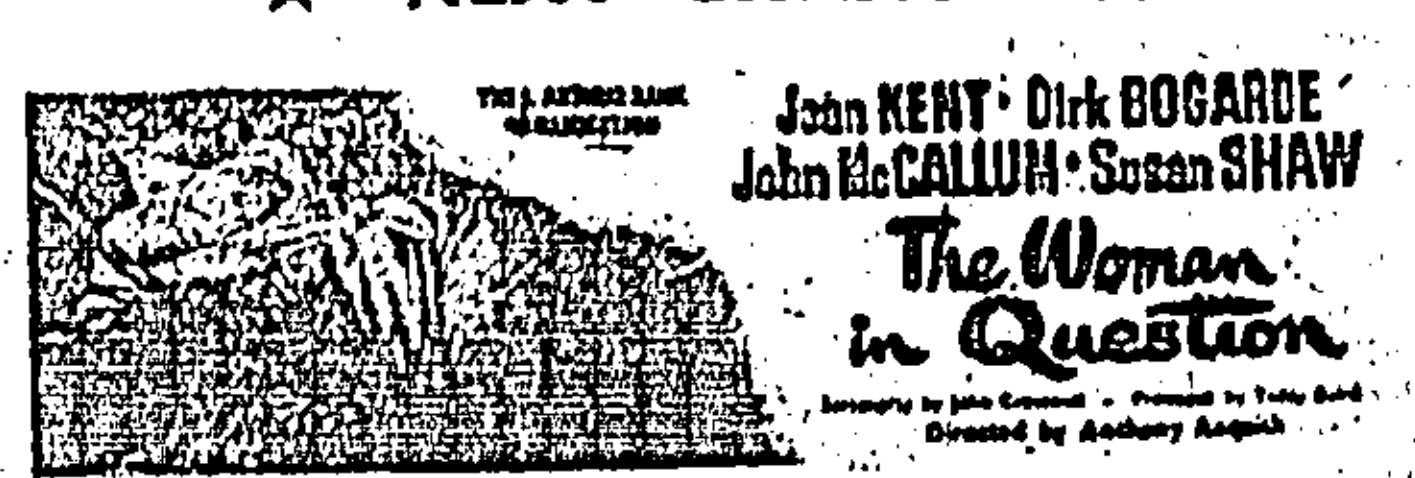
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ECONOMIC SURVEY OF WORLD

Rearmament's Effects Minimised

New York, May 11. The United Nations annual economic survey, issued tonight, showed that the global rearmament race has failed to hit civilian economy with the impact many leading economists feared a year ago.

On the contrary, the voluminous report showed that the production of civilian goods has actually increased, wages generally have kept pace with prices and raw materials have continued to be available both for military and civilian requirements.

It said, however, that the cold war has widened the economic separations of the Communist and non-Communist worlds at accelerated speed, despite all efforts to improve East-West trade.

The report, prepared by United Nations economists for the Economic and Social Council which meets in New York on May 20, also said that the dollar shortage in many countries has begun to be serious again because of heavy American exports and the cut in non-military economic aid from the U.S.

World consumption of food per person was less than 15 years ago and the gap between the production of the developed countries and the backward areas widened still further. Associated Press.

Warning To New York

New York, May 11. The City Civil Defense Director, Mr. Arthur Wallander, warned today that it is now possible to destroy almost all the city of New York in a single air attack.

Mr. Wallander said that planes alone could do the job by dropping a string of a dozen small atomic bombs in a run from the Bronx in the north to the Battery in the south at the tip of Manhattan Island.

This danger, he said, arises from development of new missiles that are smaller than the original atomic bombs but pack the same blast.

A bomber could only carry one of the larger old-type bombs, he said.

But Mr. Wallander, in a report to Mayor Vincent Impellitteri, sounded a note of relative optimism saying that new detection and warning methods against enemy attack have kept pace with weapons improvements. Associated Press.

Dutch Elections

The Hague, May 10. General elections in Holland will be held on June 25 and 26 for both Houses of Parliament, it was announced by Royal decree yesterday. Reuter.

JAPAN SOCIETY ENTERTAINED



Members of the Japan Society were entertained at Grosvenor House in London by Mr. Asakawa, the Japanese Charge d'Affaires (right), on the occasion of Emperor Hirohito's birthday. Also in the picture are Lord Sempill and the wives of members of the Japanese diplomatic mission. Reuterphoto.

Havenga Threat To Resign

Johannesburg, May 11. The political correspondent of the Johannesburg Sunday Times learns on the highest authority that Mr. N. G. Havenga, the Finance Minister, has told the Cabinet that if the High Court of Parliament Bill is thrown out by the courts he will resign from the Government and retire from public life.

The correspondent said he also learned that Government legal advisers have told the Cabinet that they can give no guarantee that the bill is court-proof. Associated Press.

Revision Of Concession

Beirut, May 11. An agreement on revision of oil concession terms granted by Lebanon to two foreign oil companies will be signed here this week.

The agreement, though not giving full satisfaction to Lebanon's revision demands, provides for substantial advantages as regards re-adjustment of royalties payable in foreign currency, increase of petrol quota allotted for domestic consumption and safeguard of interests of Lebanese Labour. The two oil companies are the Tap Line and the I.P.C. Franco-Press.

US Military Leaders' Analysis Of Red Strategy Not Planning Attack

Washington, May 11.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives today published a report on the Foreign Aid Programme in which it was stated "The best judgment of U.S. military leaders and diplomats is that the Soviets have not set a date for an attack on the West."

The report, which followed a hearing by the Committee of 43 high-ranking military and civil officials, added that the Kremlin would only attack if it believed that a war would be to its advantage.

The report stated that the menace of Russian aggression was not diminished to such an extent as to justify any modification or relaxation of the military effort of the United States.

The report maintained that important Soviet forces were on a wartime footing in Eastern Germany and elsewhere.

According to the report, the morale of Europe had considerably increased, though no one could tell with certainty whether the European peoples would efficiently reply to a Soviet attack.

The will of the European people to resist appeared to be rapidly increasing in relation with the development of their means of resistance.

The report pointed out that a very real danger of military aggression existed in the Near East but added that the uninterrupted reinforcement of the military strength of the free nations was the best means of preventing a Soviet attack.

The report said a continuation of military aid in the Far East was necessary to protect French Indo-China, the loss of which would seriously menace the liberty of the rest of the South East Asian continent.

SURPLUS ARMAMENT

After submitting these conclusions the report did not explain how the Foreign Affairs Committee decided to allocate by \$1,010,000,000 the \$7,000,000,000 appropriations asked by President Truman for the military and economic aid of foreign countries during the fiscal year 1952-1953.

The report, however, pointed out that the law, after having been reviewed by the Committee, allowed \$4,500,000,000 for military aid, the largest part of which would be used to supply the following categories: 1,275 aircraft, more than 6,000 tanks and military vehicles and more than 5,000 ground and naval artillery pieces.

To these allocations would be added credits still available from last year which included \$328,000,000 worth of American arms declared to be surplus.

The report suggested to the House that the Defence Department should give America's allies \$1,000,000,000 worth of arms coming from this stock if the credits already mentioned should prove to be inadequate.

The Foreign Aid Law will come up for discussion before the two Houses this week. Franco-Press.

Garbo Loses Again

New York, May 10. Greta Garbo lost another hide-and-seek game with photographers today. Camera men caught her in the gallery of an aeroplane where she had fled and snapped her picture as she tried to hide behind a Venetian blind.

Miss Garbo said she was flying to Paris on a pleasure trip. United Press.

REPUBLICAN INDIA'S BIG WEEK

New Delhi, May 11. India is today preparing for the biggest week in her constitutional history.

The next few days will see the installation of the first fully elected President, the inauguration of the first democratically chosen Parliament and the swearing in of the first government in India based on full adult franchise.

With a pageantry equal to that of Viceroyal days, the ceremonies will start on Tuesday with the swearing in of Dr Rajendra Prasad as President of the Indian Union.

The President will drive in an open carriage flanked by a scarlet-coated bodyguard from his residence to Parliament to take the oath.

A 31-gun salute will be fired to mark his assumption of office.

India's first Vice-President, philosopher-diplomat Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, former Ambassador in Moscow, will then be sworn in, becoming automatically Chairman of the Upper House or Council of States.

On the same day members of both Houses of Parliament will meet in the House of the People and the Council of States will be sworn in.

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, will present the resignation of his Cabinet and will form a new Government. Reuter.

20 Tons Of Hot Bricks Bury Four

London, May 11. Six men held up a crumbling wall for 15 minutes while colleagues worked to free four brickworkers trapped under 20 tons of hot bricks in a kiln.

The rescuers pulled away the hot bricks with their bare hands. They worked in intense heat. Only when their comrades had been released did they go to have their blistered hands treated.

The four who were trapped were repairing the roof of a chamber at Oxbott Brickworks, Surrey, when the arches swayed and collapsed.

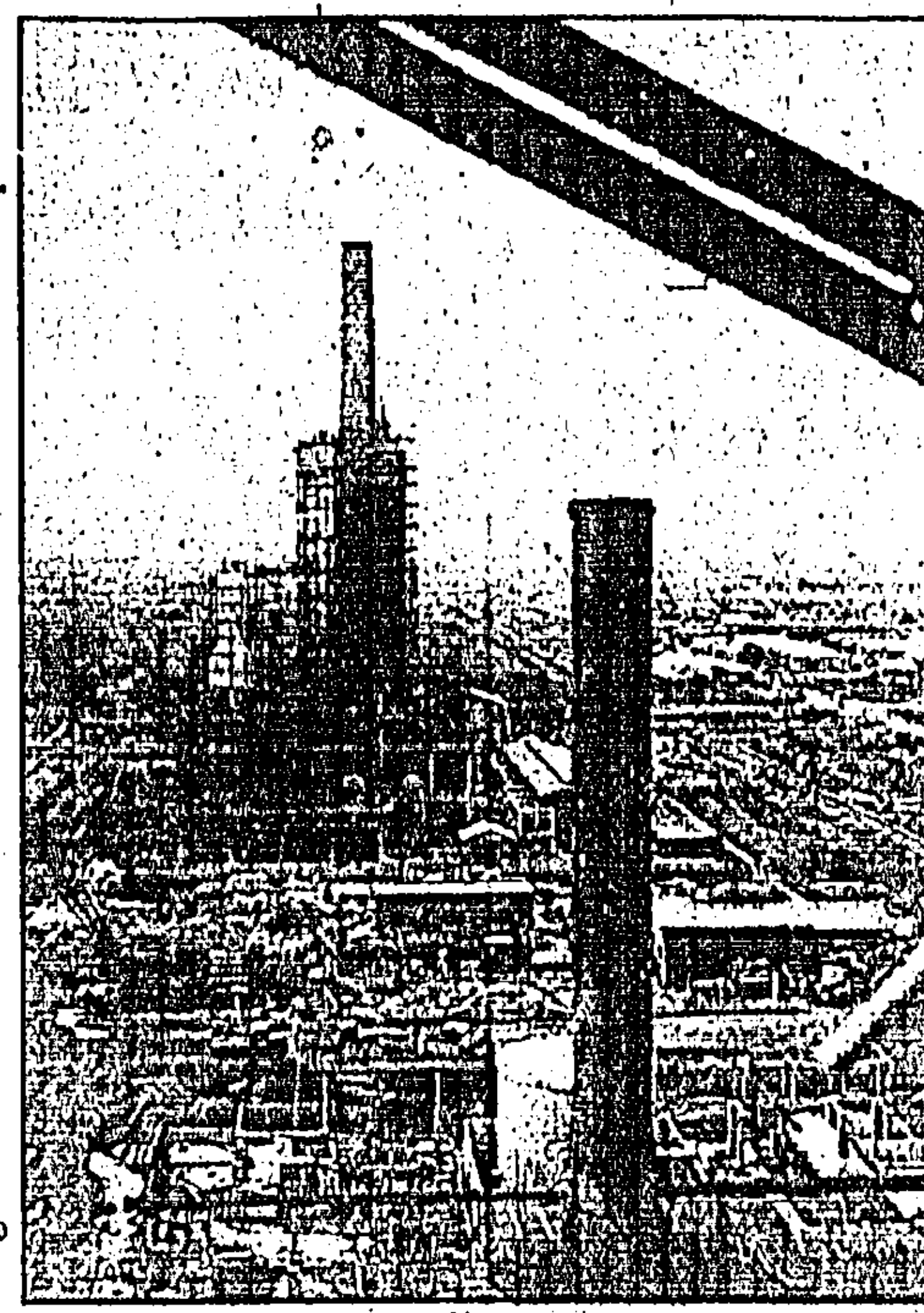
They fell 20ft. and were covered with 7,000 hot bricks and five tons of clay ballast.

Mr. Peter Mills, the owner's son and manager of the works, organised a rescue team and sent for doctors. But there was danger from the wall of the next kiln.

It was then that six of the strongest men, wearing goggles and trousers, volunteered to hold it up and put their backs to the 3ft. thick, two-ton wall. They stood the terrific strain until the trapped men were got out.

The four men, all badly burned, were Robert Crossland, Thomas Joseph Archer, Kingston Arthur Brown, and Herbert Robert. Reuter.

New Oil Town In Kent



Picture shows the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's mighty new refinery which is being built on the Isle of Grain, in Kent. When completed, the refinery will process annually four million tons of Middle East crude oil. Reuterphoto.

American Warnings To Israelis And Arabs

Washington, May 11.

The House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee today warned the Arab States and Israel that the United States does not intend to go on indefinitely giving help for refugees and immigrants in that area.

The committee called on both sides to show constructive accomplishments this year.

The warning was contained in the committee's report on the foreign aid bill in which the group recommended appropriations of \$65,000,000 in aid for Arab refugees, and \$70,000,000 for Israeli immigrants during the 1953 fiscal year.

The report said the \$65,000,000 appropriation for Arab refugees would be part of the total budget for United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees.

This agency is seeking to re-integrate 50,000 Arab refugee families from Palestine into the Near East economy.

Of the \$70,000,000 recommended for Israel, the committee declared, 70 per cent would be used for the relief and resettlement of Jewish immigrants.

The remaining 30 per cent would be for expanding and increasing the efficiency of industrial and agricultural facilities, power production and transport.

NOT COMMITTED

To the Arab States involved in the problem, the committee issued this warning:

"The United States is not committed to permanent continuation of relief in this area. Negotiations with States in this area have reached the point where the United States has reason to expect a convincing concentration of constructive accomplishment this year."

To Israel it said: "The \$70,000,000 carried in this bill should do much to contribute to the alleviation of Israel's distress."

While no terminal date for external assistance can be determined at this time, this money together with more than \$400,000,000 given by U.S. citizens for assistance to Israel, should make possible an early target date for completion of the resettlement programme.

"As in the case of the Arab refugee programme, the United States has reason to expect a convincing demonstration of constructive accomplishment this year." Associated Press.

Indian Show In Peking

London, May 11. An Indian art exhibition was opened in Peking by Premier Chou En-lai yesterday, according to the New China News Agency.

After welcoming the opening of the exhibition, which is sponsored by the Indian Embassy in Peking, the Premier said that both countries had the desire for peaceful and friendly cultural relations on new foundations. "We shall try for more visits and an increase in the cultural interchange and trade relations between the Government and the peoples of the two countries," he said.

Mr. K. M. Panikkar, the Indian Ambassador, speaking at the same ceremony, gave an introduction to the exhibition a brief account of the evolution of Indian art. Reuter.

Reds' War Of Nerves In Berlin

MAYOR SUMS UP SITUATION

Berlin, May 11. West Berlin's Mayor, Ernest Reuter, today urged caution against taking threats from the East too seriously in a speech here on the eve of the third anniversary marking the end of the 1948-1949 Berlin blockade.

"People who open their mouths so wide are not so strong as they seem—they must threaten and bluff for others who remain in the background," he said in a radio address.

"They are trying to tremor on the nerves of the West Berliners, but our nerves remain strong."

The West Berlin newspaper Der Tag recalled that the first Berlin blockade began with Soviet "pin pricks" of the type now being experienced. "It is as well the Allies should remember that the first big schism occurred after such small incidents as the turning back of Allied patrol cars," it wrote.

(Armed Soviet guards today barred the way when United States and British military police patrols tried to leave Berlin for duty on the autobahn to West Germany. They first interfered with patrols last Thursday.) Reuter.

BERLIN ARRESTS

Berlin, May 11. West Berlin police today arrested six youths, including one from East Germany, after breaking up an illegal meeting of about 60 members of the Communist Youth movement Free German Youth.

The Free German Youth is banned in West Germany but not in East Germany. Police said the six were arrested when they refused to heed police instructions to break up the meeting, which was held in a railway goods station in the United States sector of Schoeneberg. Reuter.

Jap Assurance To Australia

Canberra, May 11. The Australian Commerce Minister, Mr. John McEwen, today welcomed the Japanese Government's assurance that Japanese pearl fishers will wait for a formal agreement between the two countries before venturing into Australian waters.

The Minister said Australia would take advantage of relevant clauses in the Japanese peace treaty to negotiate an agreement. Reuter.



KING GEORGE'S HALL

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Fenwick Street
Wanchai

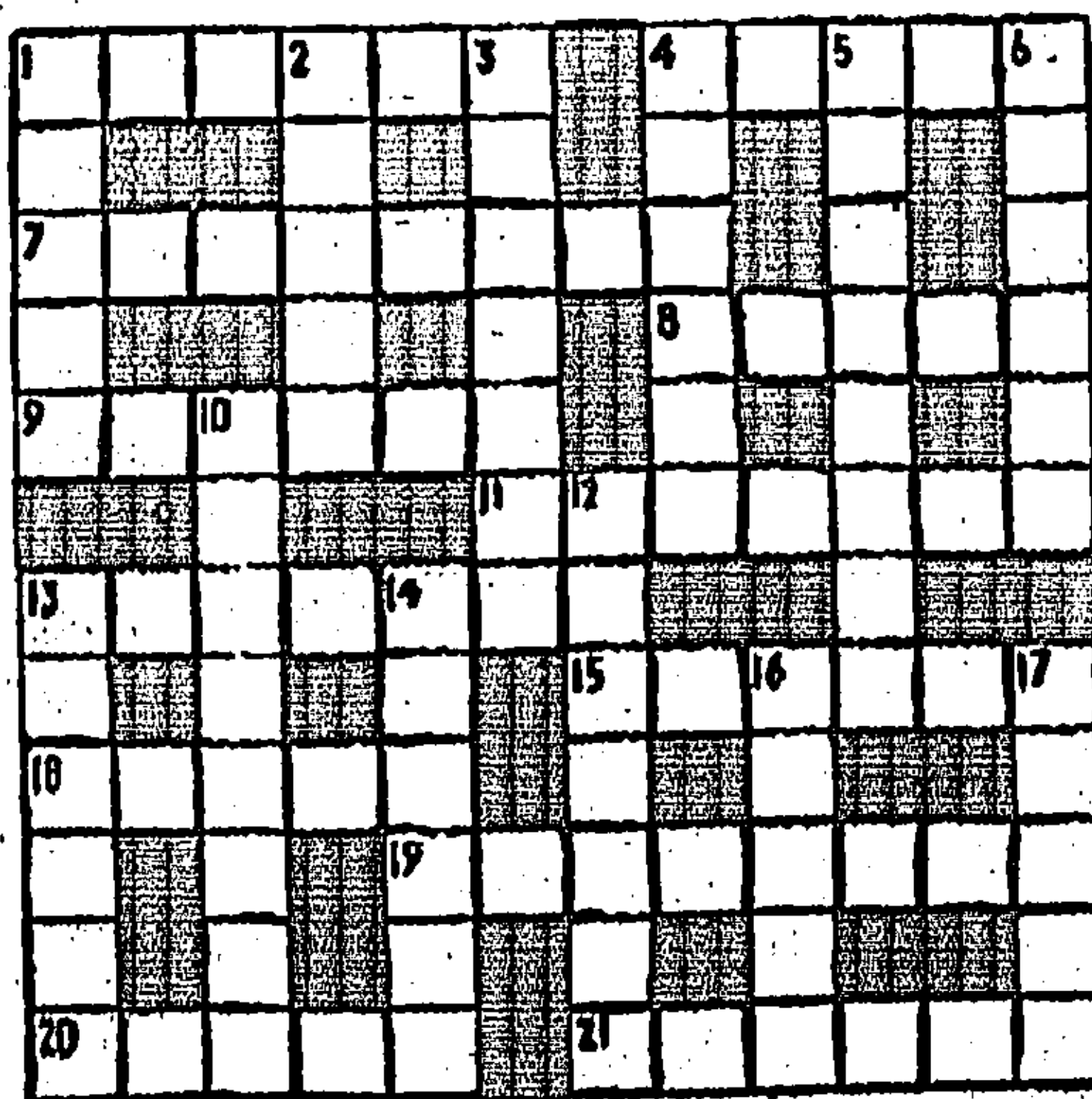
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- ACROSS**
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 4. Box (5).
 7. Fries from blame (8).
 8. Tendency (5).
 9. Spruce (6).
 11. Piece of embroidery (7).
 12. Caper (7).
 13. Mass (6).
 14. Roll (5).
 15. Tussle (6).
 16. Equestrian (5).
 20. Form of prayer (6).
- DOWN**
1. Tartan (5).
 2. Military formation (5).
 3. Vast (7).
 4. Habit (6).
 5. Surprised (8).
 6. Offer (6).
 10. Appeased (8).
 12. Naval rank (7).
 13. Golf club (6).
 14. Use the blue pencil (6).
 15. Finger (5).
 17. Foe (5).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Brew, 4. Borrow, 8. Layer, 9. Foli, 10. Soaping, 11. Lool, 12. Mere, 14. Monster, 17. Irate, 18. Adult, 22. Supreme, 23. Iria, 27. Evil, 28. Fantase, 29. Alps, 30. Gnat, 31. Leveret, 32. Ends, Down: 2. Roter, 3. Wallot, 4. Scam, 5. Orator, 6. Ropes, 7. Wince, 12. Miss, 13. Rago, 15. Tour, 16. Role, 18. Ringer, 20. Platte, 21. Limpid, 23. Usage, 24. Rite, 25. Event.

PRISONERS' WAGES IN VOUCHERS

London, May 11. Britain's 24,000 men and women prisoners are now without money.

Instead of cash earnings they will have credits in a prison ledger in which purchases at the prison canteen will be debited.

The Prison Commissioners say they believe this will appreciably diminish risks of trafficking, with staff and the temptations to staff and the possibility of blackmailing and bullying among prisoners and danger to prison discipline generally.

Criminals described in a recent official report as "prison barons" are known to operate tobacco and gambling rackets which net them considerable sums.

A member of the Prison Officers' Association said: "We know of places where these prisoners bet on horses and football pools for quite large sums. Other prisoners get into debt to them and sometimes commit offences to get away from them."

All prisoners with cash earnings in their possession will be required to exchange the money for credits. The new order will not apply to Borstal.

Persia Sells Opium

Teheran, May 11. Persia has agreed to sell \$2,400,000 worth of raw opium to an American concern, a Government spokesman announced today. He declined to elaborate. Associated Press.

PART TWO OF CYRIL RAY'S UNCENSORED STORY

Soviet Union Is A Tangle Of Paradoxes

WHEN I left Moscow there was mimosa on sale in the streets of the still snow-bound city—blown up from the sunny Black Sea coast. What could be more enterprising, or more luxury-loving?

And yet the train by which I reached Leningrad on my way home, the Red Arrow, cruck sleeping-car flyer of the Soviet Union, takes more than 12 hours for the non-stop 400-mile journey and provides no food for its passengers—not even in the "continental" car in which foreign ambassadors and important Soviet officials travel.

A tangle

WHAT could be more inefficient, or more austere?

The Soviet Union is a tangle of such paradoxes.

The country that will lay on state-owned aircraft to fly

spring flowers from the latitude of Constantinople to that of Glasgow hasn't yet got around to having petrol-stations on its main trunk roads.

Lorries doing the long haul from Kiev to Moscow, carrying food for the capital and raw materials for its great factories, have to waste most of their carrying capacity on their own petrol.

And it is only the other day that a brilliant Soviet citizen put up the brilliant new idea that the lorry might go back loaded with goods from Moscow to Kiev, instead of sending them back empty—with a new lot of loaded lorries being sent off the next day.

This is the country that makes the best jet fighter in the world and what is probably the best tank in the world—and which mended my W.C. cistern pretty well every week for a year with a piece of string and a rusty nail.

Whatever one's prejudices about the Soviet regime and the Russian people, for or against, there are incontrovertible facts to be found in Moscow to prove them to the hilt.

And if you try to have no prejudices at all, all you can do is to point with one hand to the MIG fighter and with the other to the rusty nail and ask your readers to draw their own conclusions.

What is important, though, is this—that this is the first time for 18 months that I've been able to tell you about the snail-like progress of the Red Arrow, or the long-drawn out saga of my cistern.

Censorship

EVERYBODY knows that the Soviet Union obstructs the entry of Western journalists (it took four years for me to get a visa) and imposes the most rigid censorship on what they write when they get there.

What isn't so well-known—because it is so nonsensical to Western eyes—is that the censorship doesn't concern itself simply with considerations of national security, as our own wartime censorship did. It cuts out anything, however meticulously accurate and even if it is a direct quotation from the Soviet Press, that could even remotely be construed as a reflection on the Russian people or the Soviet way of life.

I have had cut out from my stories from Moscow the fact that there is no map of the underground railway system; that you aren't allowed to use opera glasses in the Press gallery of the hall of the Supreme Soviet; and that a policeman moved us on when we were picked by the side of the road on the way to visit Tchaikovsky's old home.

Held back

AND, of course, such trifles as the average scheduled speed of the Red Arrow.

Any issue on which the regime hasn't made up its mind is taboo.

An American colleague of mine has been "trying" for four years to get a story to his paper on the interesting and quite innocuous controversy that has been going on all that time in the Moscow papers about the respective advantages of co-education and the separate education of boys and girls.

AND the six stories he wrote about the wonderful collection of Picasso's that is closed to the Russian public—because Picasso, though a partisan, isn't to be admired or copied by Soviet painters—those six stories are still in the censor's drawer.

There is another sort of censorship, too, besides the cutting or holding of Press cables—the censorship that lies in not letting journalists see or inquire for themselves.

Double-chin slimming

Hints from an enthusiastic man—whose enthusiasm sometimes leads him astray



THE world cannot yet do without popular preachers. The old-style evangelists no longer draw great crowds, at any rate in Britain, but there are many to take their place. Mr Gaylord Hauser is one of them. He preaches diet, and he has an enormous following, particularly in the United States. In his book "Diet Does It" (Faber, 15s.), he hammers away all the time at his main thesis: "What you eat determines your health and well-being." He generously throws in some excellent recipes on nearly every other page.

The theory that eating makes you healthy is an attractive one. It should appeal particularly to the Russians, who do their best to discount the "influence" of heredity in shaping the growth

of both plants and animals. But if it was all as easy as Mr Hauser makes it out to be, disease could be almost entirely banished by diet and doctors would be in clover, or in the bankruptcy court. It simply is not true that "any person alive, provided his bone structure is normal, can have a trim, vital body if he is willing to work for it." The most prolonged dietary struggle will never put right the body crippled by nervous and other diseases. In other matters also Mr Hauser's enthusiasm leads him astray. For instance, he implies that diabetes has increased because the milling of grains has removed vitamin B from our diet. There is no evidence for this.

Again, he writes that "tuberculosis has long been known to be the result of malnutrition." Tuberculosis, as every well-informed person should know, is caused by infection with a germ, the tubercle bacillus. If it only infected malnourished people our sanatoria would be nearly empty instead of crowded to capacity. There is one other point on which Mr Hauser is wrong. He talks about the vitamins that change grey hair back to its normal colour. In medical practice the results obtained with these vitamins have been most disappointing, and grey-haired readers of Diet Does It should not let their hopes be raised too high.

Mr Hauser is at his best when addressing those members of his audience for whom he can do most—the middle-aged man who eats too much and the woman of around 50 who is beginning to get seriously worried about her appearance—the woman, as Mr Hauser writes, "who has had a long and candid look at herself in the mirror and seen that she is a bit too heavy; her double chin an ugly actuality." This "shadow of the forties" hangs darker over Hollywood than anywhere else, and some of Mr Hauser's most successful campaigns have been among the film stars.

The middle-aged man or woman who has plenty of money to spend on food, and who lives in a country where rich food is plentiful, as in a desperate situation. Every day they are tempted to eat more than is good for them, and every day they succumb.

Mr Hauser sets to work by telling them that the smaller their waist-line the longer their life line, and proceeds to stuff them with health-giving foods and vitamins which have plenty of bulk, but little fat and starch.

But he spoils things for some readers by insisting that yoghurt, black molasses, and brewers' yeast should be taken at every opportunity to fill up empty corners. As a preventative for pyorrhea, he recommends, among other things, a quart of yoghurt daily; some would much prefer to have pyorrhea, though it is only fair to add that Mr Hauser's teaching has apparently caught on, for a bottle of yoghurt seems to be a popular lunch nowadays for students and business girls.

Every housewife can learn something of value from Mr Hauser's practical tips about how to prepare health-giving meals—the use of iodine salt is an example—but not every housewife will be able to obey all his instructions.

Not only are many of the foods he recommends either very expensive or unobtainable in Britain, but, in his view, the housewife must become a kind of laboratory technician when she is in the kitchen, which, of course, must be equipped with such items of culinary machinery as refrigerators, electric mixers, slicers, shredders, and juice extractors.

But Mr Hauser would shrug away much objection as these, and in a way he would be quite right. For if we want to live longer and healthier lives we shall have to pay more attention to what we eat.

Mr Hauser, addressing the housewife, writes: "The health of your family is in direct proportion to the soundness of your cooking methods." This is quite consistent with the school of medical thought which holds that a good cookery book does as much for the public health as a textbook of medicine.

I could not visit any institution or talk to any official without the permission of the Press Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

No answer

NOT only was permission never forthcoming; letters were never answered.

Letters never are if an official cannot escape acknowledging a letter, or granting a request, he will telephone. "Never put it in writing" is one of the great bureaucratic watchwords. But if YOU try to telephone HIM, he is always out.

Out of 24 formal requests to visit such harmless interesting places as a kindergarten, a collective farm, and the ballet school at the famous Bolshoi Theatre, I was granted one (by telephone) — a visit to the Kremlin Museum.

Why? Don't ask me; ask the Politburo.

IT WAS very rarely that I was followed in the streets of Moscow, and then only when I happened to be in the company of diplomats.

I was free to go in and out of my hotel, and to visit any theatre, cinema, shop or restaurant without interference of any kind.

But I had to make formal application in writing if I wanted to travel more than 25 miles or so from Moscow, surrendering my passport and foreign resident's permit for endorsement.

If I was visiting some near-by place to which I was allowed to travel by road then I had to give the number of my car and the time and date on which I proposed to travel.



Children are the same the world over and this picture shows a little girl selecting balloons and rubber balls from a street trader in Moscow.

The police on the road were warned to expect me and they telephoned from post to post to see that I kept moving.

If I failed to pass a police-post within the appropriate time, then a policeman would come to look for me and to move me on — as I discovered when I tried to eat a picnic lunch one summer's afternoon that I was visiting Tchaikovsky's old home.

Incompetence

ONE of the infuriating things — one of the very many infuriating things — was that it took a fortnight or so to get your documents back after your return to Moscow.

For they had to be surrendered and endorsed all over again when you got back. And yet you had to be able to produce those same documents at any time on demand.

I'm afraid I can't sensationalise my Moscow arrest — it was more funny than frightening, and it wasted the time of at least half a dozen Russians to that of only one Englishman. And it was an object-lesson not in bloodthirsty Soviet tyranny but in age-old Russian incompetence.

I was on my way to a party at an American colleague's flat and had been dropped by my taxi not only in the wrong street but in the wrong part of the city.

This though I knew the address parrot-fashion and also had it written out in Russian characters. But how could the taxi-driver be expected to know his way about?

There are no street-plans of Moscow, any more than there is a map of the underground railway system, or a telephone directory—the Soviet Union is too security-minded to allow such dangerous documents to be printed.

So my taxi-driver drove off, and I realised, as his tail-light disappeared, that this wasn't the right street—and that I was lost in a strange city.

Poor simple soul that I was in those days, I asked a policeman — and the policeman's answer was to hold out his hand and say, "Dokument!"

And my documents were duly being endorsed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Kept four hours

THE policeman promptly whisked up a comrade, and I was escorted to the nearest police station and for some four hours they sent for senior police-officers and plain clothes interrogators.

But it never occurred to them to send for one who spoke English or French, though I had been able to explain that I was English and could speak French. I was not allowed to use the telephone—which would have not only saved my time but theirs, as a Russian-speaking friend would have cleared up the trouble in five minutes; and it was a couple of hours before they would telephone the number I gave them—of a Russian friend.

It was another hour or so before they rang up my hotel, as I'd been asking from the first, and they began to get a glimmering of a notion that I was what I claimed to be—a newly-arrived and properly authenticated foreigner whose documents were in official hands.

(More Tomorrow)

Super-colossal Bath For Helen Of Troy

From NEWELL ROGERS

New York. beautiful girl or girls in bathtub. Cecil B. de Mille, who made a fortune out of screening beautiful girls in bathtubs, has told the tax collectors that they are no longer going to make a fortune out of him.

He has dissolved Cecil B. de Mille Productions. It is his personal corporation. Members of his family were the directors. Its chief asset was his contract to make pictures for Paramount.

The 71-year-old movie producer said: "Corporate income taxes, excess profit taxes, franchise taxes and other taxes didn't leave enough capital to accomplish what the company was organized for."

But is de Mille quitting Hollywood? Not at all. How could he? Isn't he the man who started the place back in 1913 because it rained too much in Flagstaff, Arizona?

BARN FOR STUDIO

He stopped at Flagstaff, at the time just a cow pasture, rented half a barn for a studio, and made "The Squaw Man" for \$15,245. Today 69 pictures later, he has just made "The Greatest Show on Earth" for \$4,000,000. In between his pictures have grossed nearly \$800,000,000 more than any three other directors combined. He developed more stars than any other producer. His trade is making super-colossal pictures. His trade-mark is "super-colossal bath."



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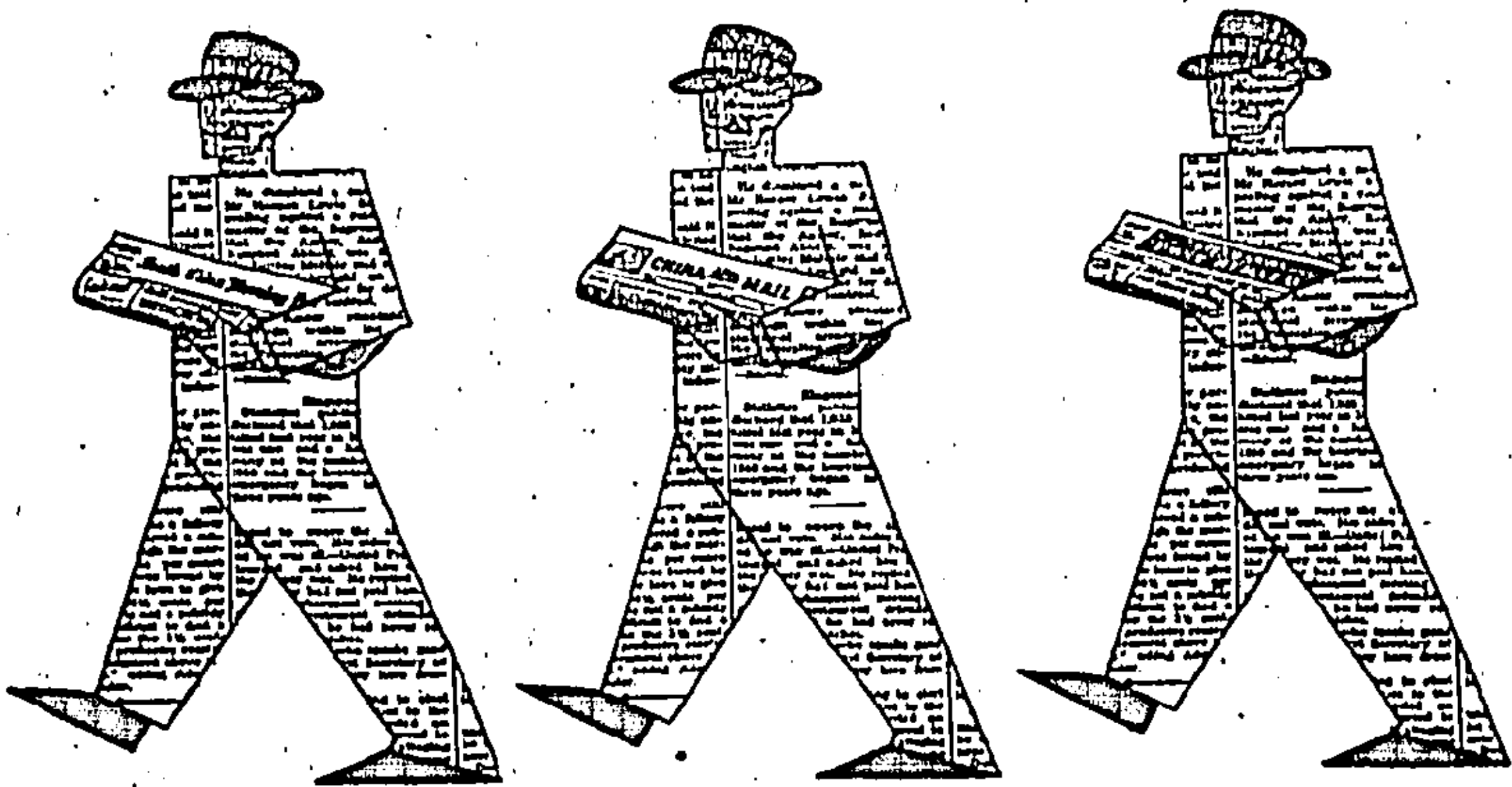
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• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

HOW about a holiday abroad *The Gamma-bomb* (XVIII)

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The traveller is allowed to take eight cigarettes out of England, and one box of matches for his personal use. The allowance per traveller of £2 14s. 6d. does not include cost of journey. £10 will be added to the cost of the ticket, as a contribution to a special fund for the importation of more American films.

Mayor condemns beetle-racing

ANOTHER film for the Central Office of Information might deal with the way to hold a bug. The French official Archibou computed that the average man loses 10 hours a year by holding a bug in the wrong way. Professor Hopkinson discovered that there are 31 ways of holding a bug, but that they vary very little. Yet it is only by a concerted effort, etc., etc.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, MAY 12

BORN today, you have an electric personality and a keen, quick mind which grasps situations quickly, accurately and finds immediate solutions to all problems. Your nervous energy is great, but it is apt to work in alternating currents—positive and negative. During your periods of relaxation, you should find a complete change from your vocation. Store up energy and then plunge into something new. You men have minds fitted for politics, the legal professions, and the promotion of new ideas through advertising and publicity.

Your nature is a generous one and although you have the capacity for earning great deal of money, you are not apt to keep what you

earn. You will utilise your wealth in some far-fetched project, which will, in turn, aid other talented young people. You women, particularly are interested in the psychic phenomena and consequently should be warned against wasting too much time and money in visiting mediums.

All of you born on this day have deep emotions and find it important to love and be loved. Your early marriage will probably be best, for then your ardent love nature can be centred around your own family.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, MAY 13

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Be conservative with your time and money. Be sure that any investment is a wise one.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Don't rush into things. Take time to consider all angles of any important decision.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Careful study and research are important today. Keep your main objective clearly in mind.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Good reading can brighten your spirits. Co-operate with some community project if asked.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Although decisions must not appear

to be forced, you must use initiative to forward a project.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Good food and conversation. They can be a fine relaxation. Arrange a dinner meeting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Get along without asking favours if you can. Better not to be under obligation to anyone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—Be helpful to your family and neighbours. Children may especially need your guidance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Dedicated day for love and romance. All marriage matters are also highly favoured.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Don't waste time or money. Both have tremendous value. Use them wisely to promote your best interests.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—A new idea may prove the answer to your problem and bring about a significant advance toward a goal.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Make use of what you have at hand just now. Extravagance at this time is not the best policy.

DUMB-BELLS

ARE YOUR FRUIT TREES BOTHERED BY PESTS? NO! I HAVE A HIGH FENCE AROUND MY GARDEN.



BARBS

By HAL COCHRAN

ACCORDING to a judge, political campaigns are educational. We learn that all liars are not fishermen and golfers.

Before marriage a girl is "dear"—after marriage, just plain expensive.

A California man shot himself because his wife wouldn't cook. We've heard it the other way, also.

High "C" is the key to a lot of annoyance from the house next door.

Chicago drivers were called to put out a blaze in a juice box. Oh, those hot times.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Wild Playing Will Cost Many Games

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WEST EAST
10072 KQJ83
J1054 82
8 KJ765
AK42 KQ

SOUTH
8
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AQ42
83

Both sides vul.
North East South West
1 4 2 5
Pass 4 6 4 6
Pass Double Pass Pass
Opening lead—AK

By OSWALD JACOBY

IT isn't likely that any bidding can be more startling than the hand shown today.

Let nobody think that I approve the bidding or play of this hand. The South player happened to be far behind when this hand came along. In the 1945 Vanderbilt Tournament, his bidding was an attempt to get an unusually good result so as to get back into the running. This attempt was spectacularly unsuccessful.

Samuel Stayman, holding the West cards, opened the king of clubs. When he partner, Howard Schenken, dropped the queen, Stayman continued with the ace of clubs. East discarded the deuce of hearts, and Stayman then shifted to the deuce of spades.

Declarer won his first trick with dummy's ace of spades and returned the ten of diamonds. Schenken covered with the king of diamonds, and declarer won his second trick with the ace of diamonds.

South next led a heart to dummy's ace, thus winning his third trick. He returned the nine of diamonds from dummy. Schenken covered with the jack, and South won his fourth trick with the queen of diamonds.

At this moment Schenken quietly showed the rest of his cards to South and mildly observed: "I think the rest are mine."

Declarer looked at Schenken's hand, glanced at his partner, and folded up his hand, conceding down seven. The loss of 100 points on this hand did not deprive South's chance to avoid humiliation from the tournament.

The unusual part about this big set is that a defender found himself in position to claim his last seven tricks, in the course of which he could draw the rest of declarer's trumps.

If South led the king of hearts, for example, Schenken could ruff with the five of diamonds, draw trumps with the deuce and ace of diamonds, and then take the rest of the tricks with high spades.

CARDYSENSE

Q—The bidding has been:

East South West North
Pass Pass Pass 1 Spade
Pass 7

Yours, South, hold: Spades 6-3-2, Hearts 7-3-4, Diamonds Q-8-5, Clubs 9-6-4. What do you do?

A—Pass. The chances are that your partner has a diamond suit, and at least one of the opponents would have been able to bid. Nevertheless, your partner has not opened with a forcing bid, so your hand should not be enough to produce a slam. There is no advantage in overbidding your own hand just because you know that your partner is a strength.

TODAY'S QUESTION

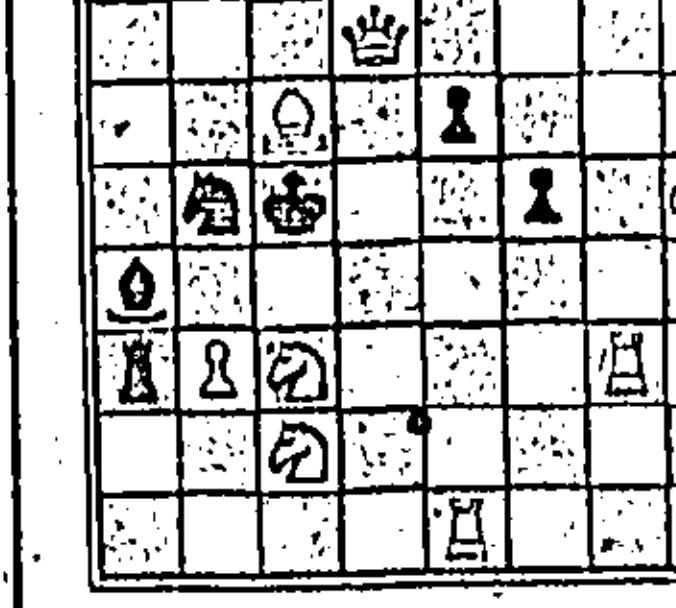
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 6-3-2, Hearts 7-3-4, Diamonds Q-8-5, Clubs 9-6-4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By L. LARSEN

Black, 9 pieces



White, 9 pieces.

White to play: mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. K-K7, threat; 2. Q-R5.
1... B-R3; 2. K1-R4; 1... B-K2; 2. K1-KP.

NINE COINS

By T. O. HARR

I HAVE nine coins in my pocket; some are shillings, the rest are pence. I throw them all at random on the table. It is three times as likely that the coins which come down "heads" will be a shilling, and twice as likely as it is that there will be two shillings which show "heads" as there are shillings.

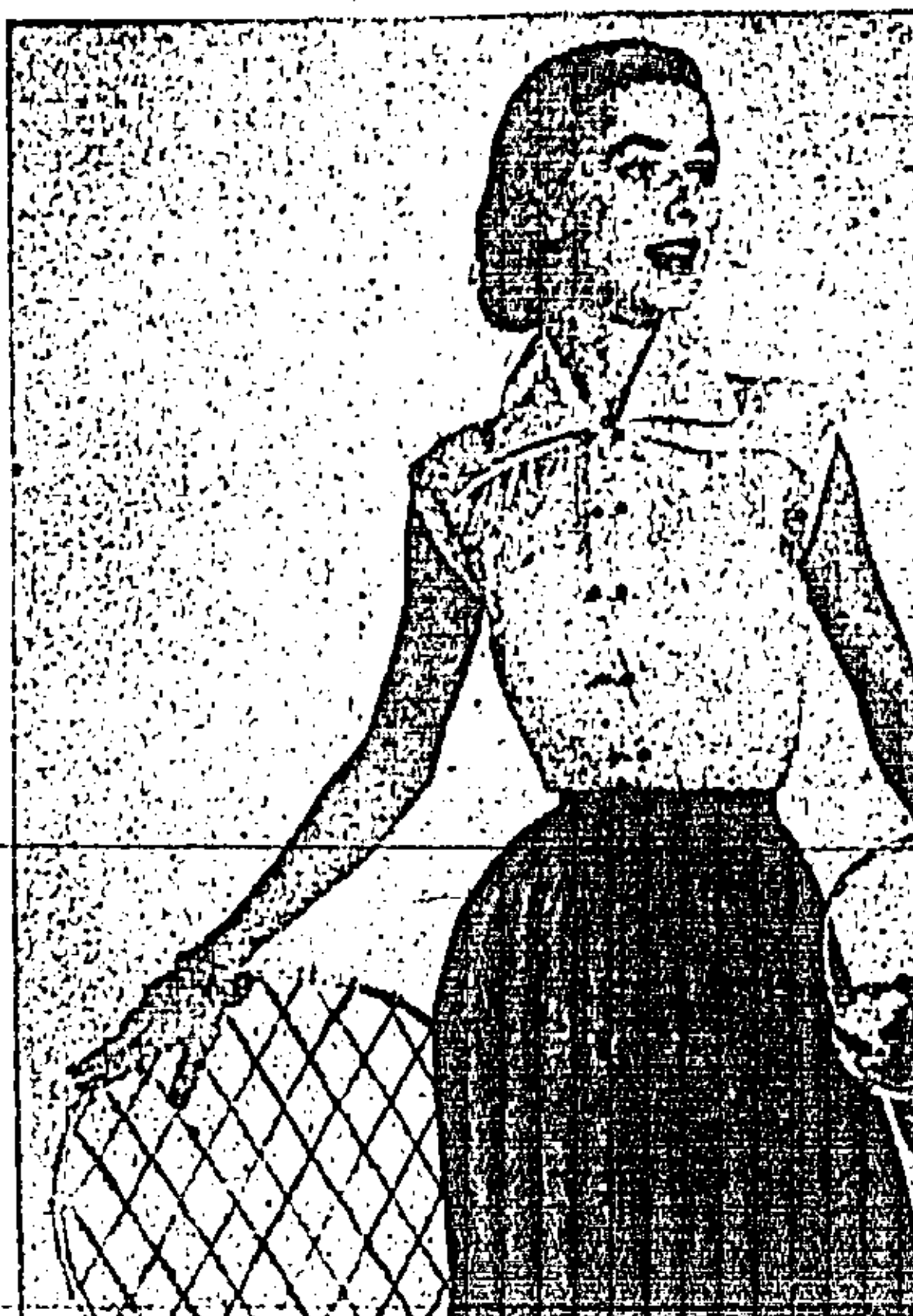
How many of my nine coins are shillings?

(Solution on Page 10)

WOMANSENSE



Good Companions



By ALICE ALDEN

DID you ever see such a rich harvest of smart separates and mix and match mates as is to be had this season? With a wise eye and a sure knowledge of one's activities it is possible to do well by the wardrobe at a sweetly reasonable outlay. Katja of Sweden does a neat twosome, to go together or with other things. Lavender organza is used for the sleeveless blouse with tiny jet buttons below the demure collar. The coordinated skirt is cut on full, youthful lines, shirred and snugly fitted at the waistline, and is of purple cotton broadcloth.

Hair In The HOUSE—AND CHANGES

SOMEONE from Surbiton recently criticised the hairdos of Britain's women MPs. "They should attend to their hair and own attractiveness so that we might in fact believe they are women," he told the Guild of Hairdressers, Wig-makers and Perfumers.

After visiting the House of Commons one can report his remarks are not justified.

Best coiffed of the lady members are Lady Tweedsmuir (shining pageboy style with centre parting accentuating attractive widow's peak) and Miss Patricia Hornsby-Smith (who wears her flaming copper hair Edwardian style).

Miss Florence Horsburgh has chosen the ideal style for grey hair and glasses, short, neat and softly curled, smarter choice than Miss Margaret Herbyson's, who combines glasses with a long bob.

New short cuts include—Dr Edith Summerskill and Miss Alice Bacon.

How times change.

MONDAY washday tradition is dying fast. Richmond Council may protest about the lines of week-end washing in the courtyard of Bloom Court flats, Kew, but they can't change facts.

Today, when more than one in every three married women goes out to work, Sunday is no longer a day of rest. Many women have to do their main housework at week-ends, plus their washing and ironing.

The washing expert Barbara Best, talking about the changing habits of the weekly wash, says:

"Women in the South have changed more than in the industrial North." "Now week-end washing is fairly general."

More women in the North still boil their clothes and have greater pride in the whiteness of their wash.

The idea of the Monday wash came originally when people used to change their clothes once a week on Sundays.

Another fascinating revelation... husbands are beginning to be involved in washing activities. Washing machines and other gadgets have got them interested.

Punishment changes

PUNISHMENTS for children have changed, too. Earning television was suggested as a hardship by Mr. John Watson, chairman of Tower Bridge juvenile court.

This idea amused a little group of old-time nursery governesses.

They remember the days of standing children in corners. Miss Goodwin, now 80, says: "If my charges were really naughty I used to restrict their pleasures and deprive them of their privileges. I always tried to make the punishment fit the crime."

Other punishments of 50 years ago... sending to Coventry or to bed early.

Present-day governesses agree with the no-television principle. Hatch End governess, Mrs. Constance Brough, believes in "stopping treats and pocket money" as a check to real naughtiness. Another London governess stops favourite hobbies, like riding and sailing for a few days. She still finds the old-fashioned lines effective.

Art for the kitchen

GIRL who believes in brighter kitchens paints special pictures for them of exotic fruits, vegetables and fish.

"These days of tiny flats many people have dining recesses either in or off their kitchens and like them to look more furnished," says Mrs. Barbara Ringrose.

She decorates her own dining-kitchen in her three-roomed Chelsea maisonette with pictures of green and red cabbages, lobsters, oysters, scallops and seaweed and a study of onions and eggs.

(London Express Service)

BEAUTY FORMULA CALLS FOR A BALANCE

By HELEN FOLLETT

ARE you a drive-yourself woman? Do you feel your nerves are tied into knots and screaming at you? Do you get up in the morning with complexion pale, shadows under the eyes, feet lagging? Why treat yourself like that? You wouldn't make anybody else work as hard as you do.

The members of the medical profession are stressing the need of relaxation because many of their patients are suffering from tension, have no definite organic illness. Tension means sleepless nights, lack of appetite and beauty hazards.

A Chance to Rest

Movie stars understand the need of letting up, giving the energy motors a chance to rest. If there are moments during the shooting of a picture when the stars aren't required, they do a flop, pull themselves all together again. Appearance is a part of their trade and they can't afford to lose youthful bloom.

Health is more important than anything else. You can't have it without a balance of work, play and sleep. One should never cease to play, to have some sort of outdoor activity. When you feel that life is kicking you around, put on your evening-league boots, get out and hoof it.

Tuck in Tummy

Put up your backbone. Hold up your chin. Tuck in your

HEELS ONLY

SMART women in Paris are wearing shoes which seem to have heels only. Uppers are invisible and are made from Crystal Skin, a new material, strong but transparent.

Emerald, topaz, and mauve patent leather is another Paris spring shoe fashion.

Nylon mesh makes the latest London shoe news. It is cool, it doesn't stretch, and is much stronger than the old fabric mesh.

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Rupert and the Toy Scout—14



As the Scout flies away, Rupert and Willie run to join Podgy, who is sitting on the grass and looking very dazed. "What on earth is that plane?" he gasps. "It's really flying!" says Rupert. "It's a Toy Scout!" says Willie. "It's a Toy Scout!" says Rupert. "It's a Toy Scout!" says Willie.

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The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 28th day of May, 1952 to the 6th June, 1952, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. R. CHILDE,
Managing Director.
Hong Kong, 12th May, 1952.

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF DAISY HICHAIDSON late of 5, The Peak, in the Colony of Hong Kong, Married Woman, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 41 of the Probate and Administration Ordinance Chapter 10, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above Estate to the twenty-seventh day of May, 1952.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send in their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated this 5th day of May, 1952.

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Solicitors for the Executor
Princes Building,
Hong Kong.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE MAY HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF VOTING MEMBERS will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on Wednesday, 28th May 1952, at 5.45 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS are cordially invited to attend and participated in any discussion which may ensue.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. Misa,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th May, 1952.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before 4th June, 1952, or they will not be recognised.

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CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1952.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Hongkong, May 10, 1952.

Fees Vary For Rich And Poor

London, May 11.

A surgeon and a doctor agreed at Plymouth County Court that they based fees on the patient's social standing and his ability to pay.

But Mr Laurence Walrod Innes, who received £120 for two major operations and an examination, said he thought a charge of £42 by Dr Albert Stanley Bradlaw, for acting as his assistant at them, was "very excessive."

Judge P. L. E. Rawlings held that it was reasonable. He allowed Dr Bradlaw's full claim of £52 10s, with costs, against the executors of the estate of Mr Ernest Brock, a Plymouth business man and councillor, who died at 77, leaving £125,000.

In cross-examination Dr Bradlaw had said a poor patient was charged a nominal fee or nothing at all, whereas someone who could pay was charged according to his presumed ability to pay.

Mr Innes agreed in principle with Dr Bradlaw, said Judge Rawlings, and he went on: "It is easy to say that it amounts to stinging the rich and providing for the poor at the expense of the rich. As a matter of fact, that is the way in other professions in which fees are calculated."

Dr Bradlaw, as Mr Brock's medical adviser for many years, was probably in a better position to judge the circumstances of the patient than was Mr Innes, who was called in as a specialist. "It may well be," the judge added, "that Mr Innes charged too little for the operation."

When Mr Arthur Goldberg (for the executors) said Mr Innes had charged fifty guineas for performing the first operation while Dr Bradlaw, who had no responsibility, charged 25 guineas for assisting, Judge Rawlings commented: "Junior counsel often gets two-thirds of the fee of a Queen's Counsel and does practically no work at all."

Mr Innes, a consultant surgeon in Plymouth since 1920, said it was the custom of most surgeons to pay assistants ten per cent of the fee.

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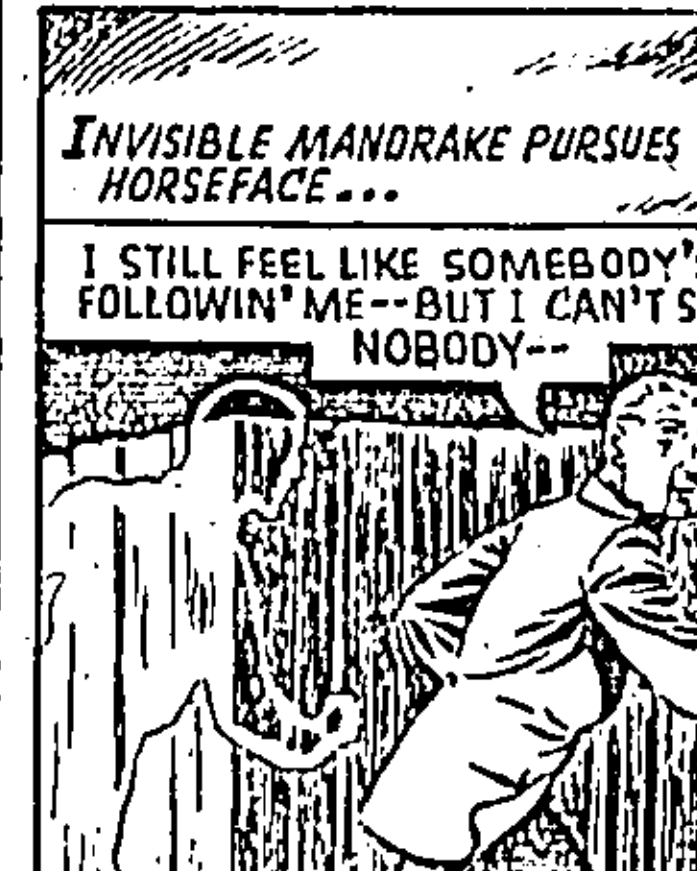
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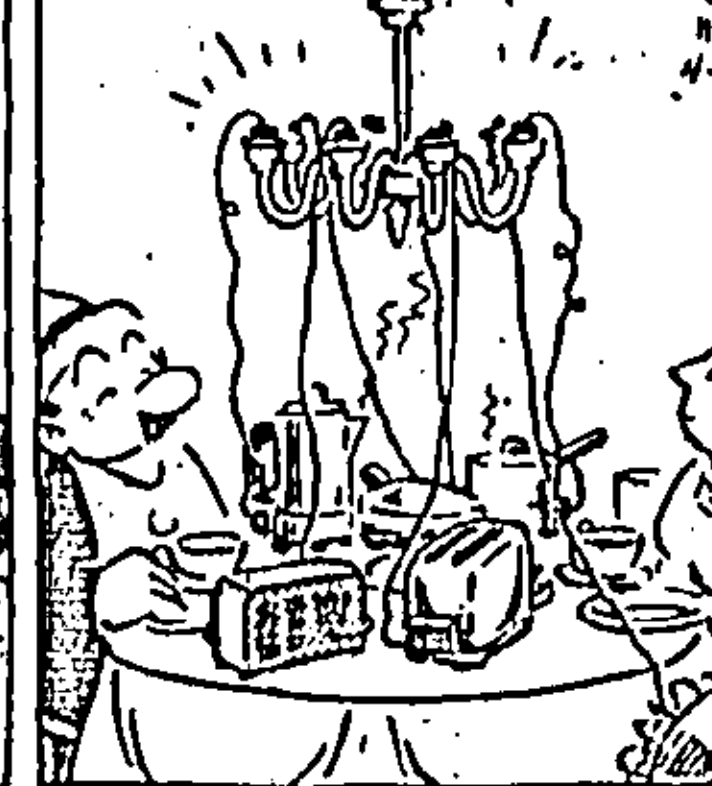
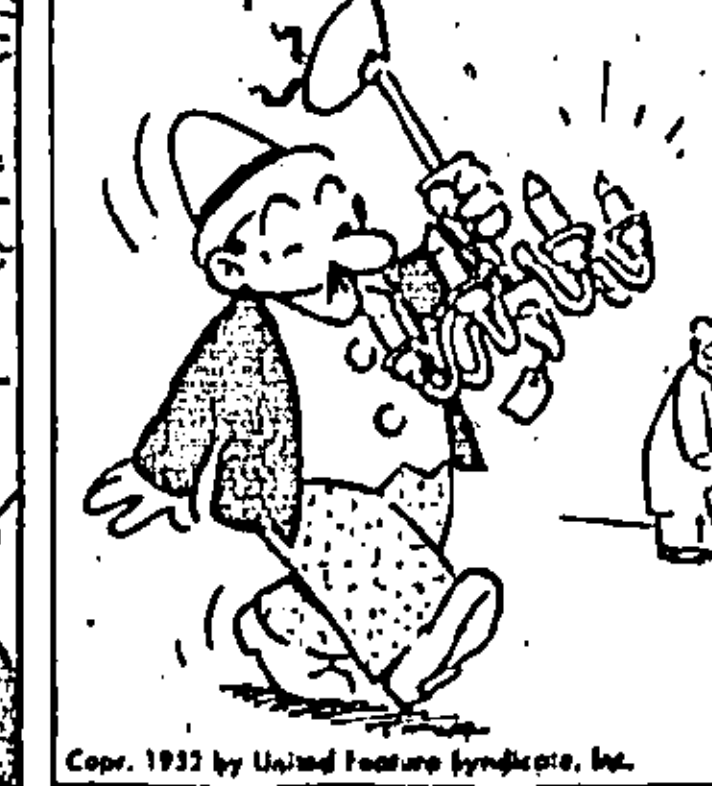
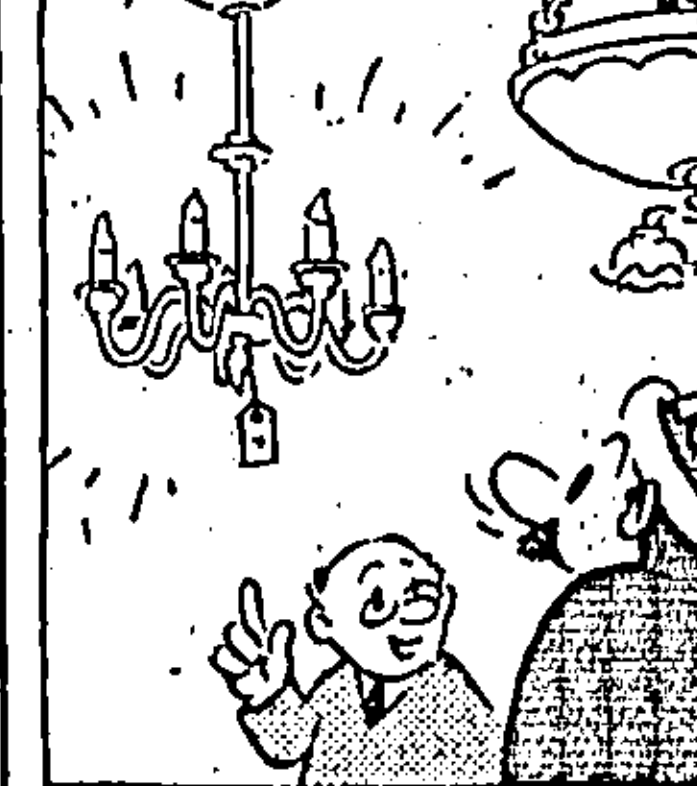
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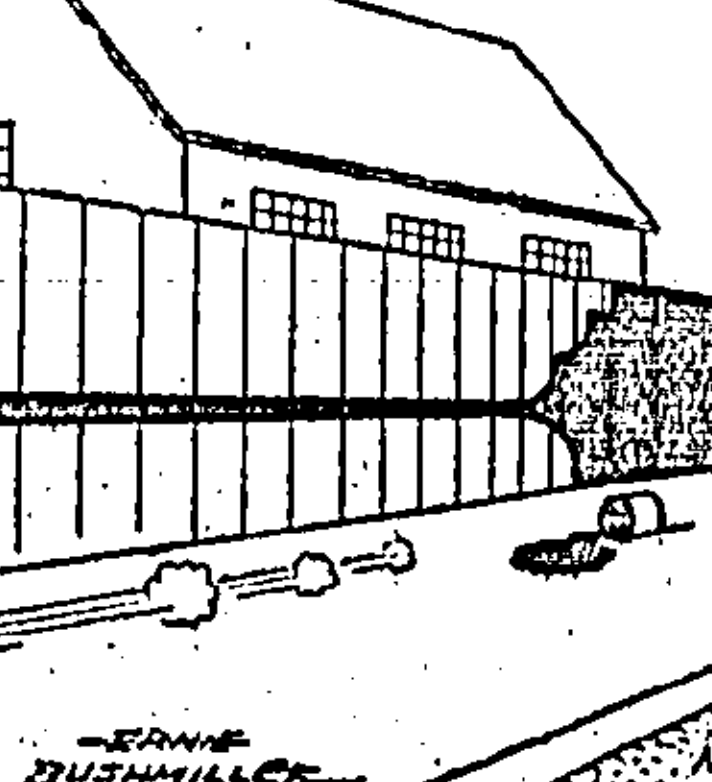
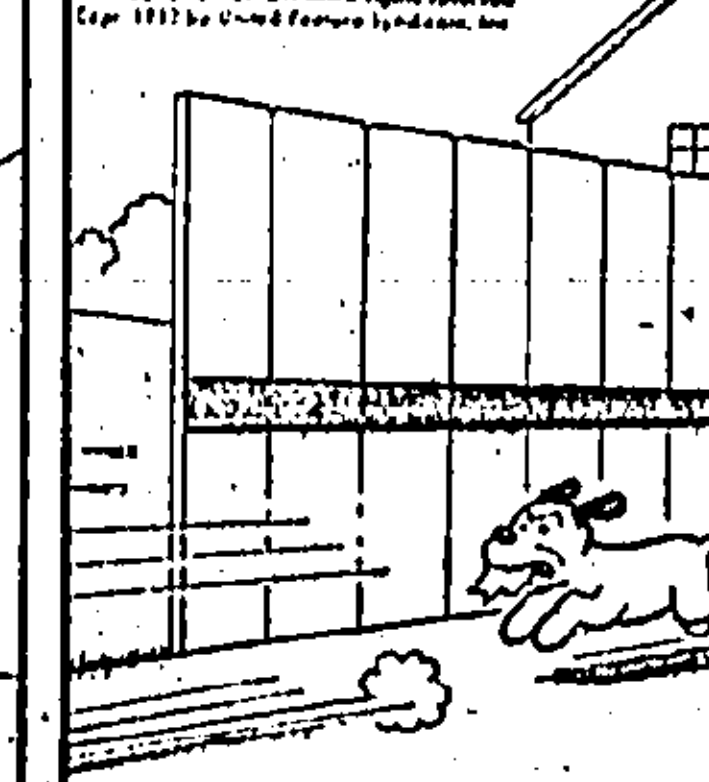
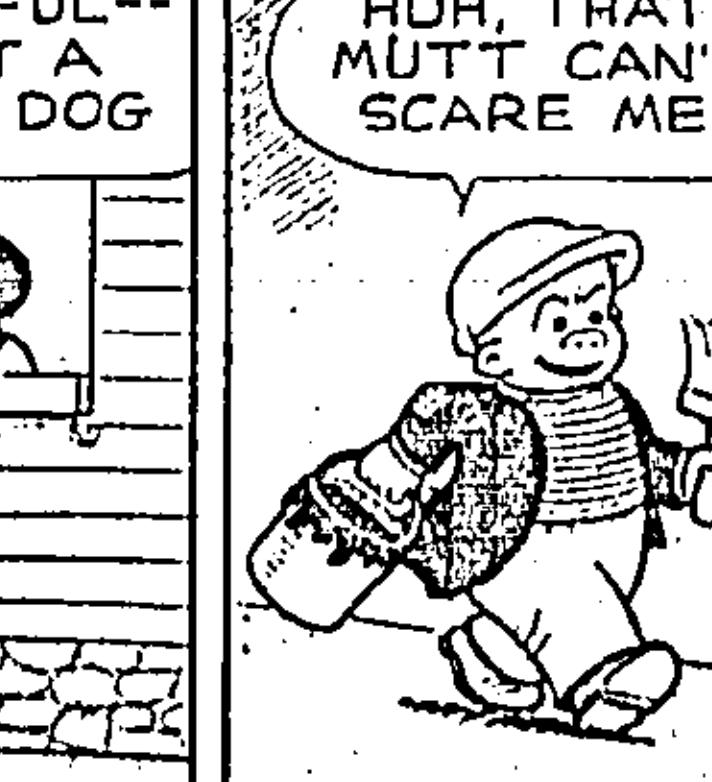
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By Frank Robbins



NEED FOR DRIVERS' EYE TESTS

London. Bad eyesight is one of the main contributory causes to road accidents. So say the Association of Optical Practitioners in criticising the present laws on tests for drivers.

Medical examinations in this country, they say, are not nearly so exacting as those in the United States, New Zealand or Australia. The Highway Code makes no specific mention of faulty eyesight as an obstacle to drivers.

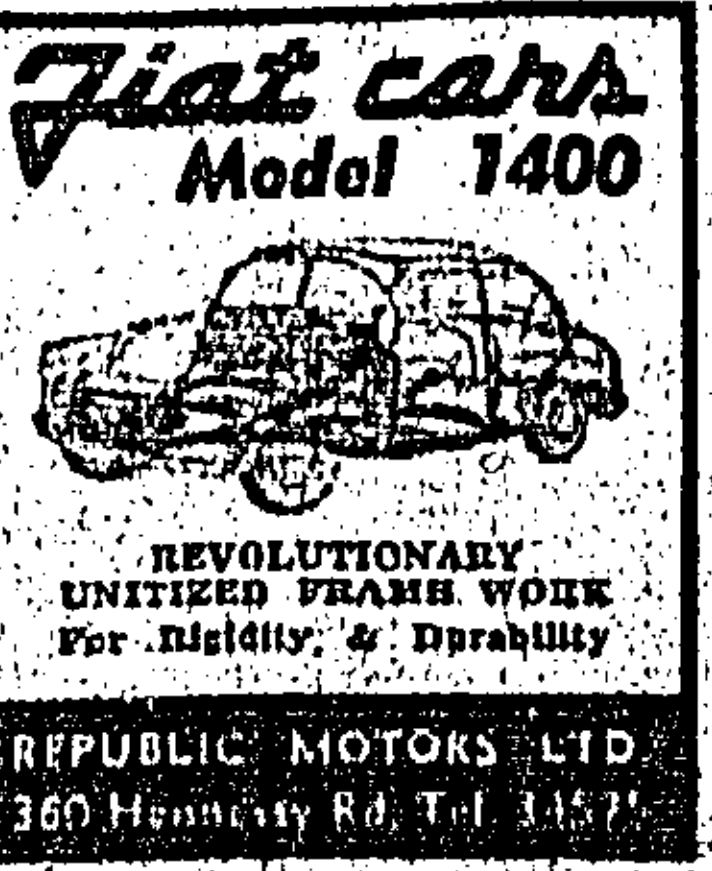
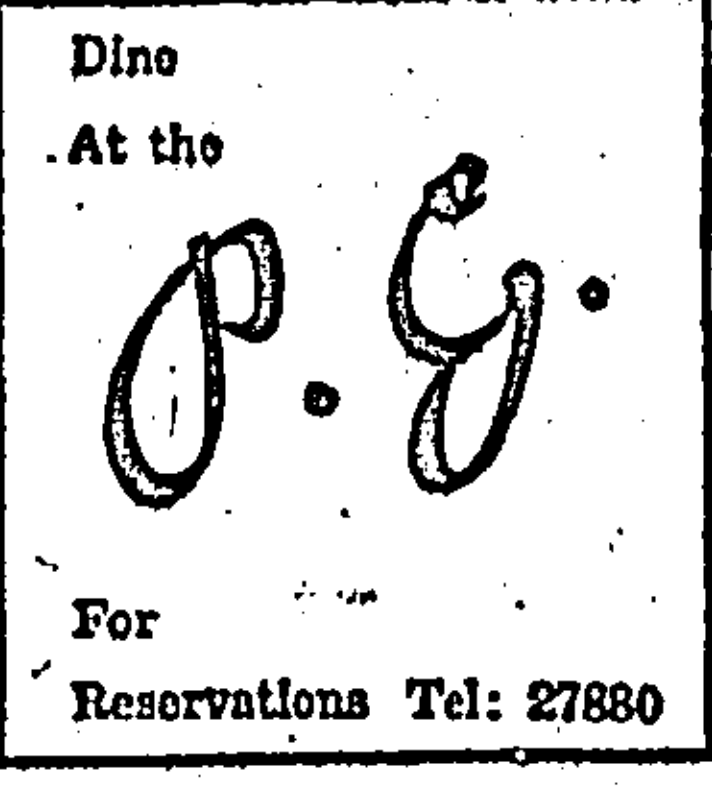
Nor is any real emphasis apparent in the licence renewal form, which requires an applicant only to verify that he or she can see a number plate clearly at 25 yards. The Association consider that the standard required to pass this test is very low.

Spectacles may be worn to pass it, but there is no provision, they say, that the driver must wear glasses always.

A further point is that many people can, by screwing up their eyes or concentrating deeply, obtain good enough vision for a limited time—but one result of this is a tendency to fall asleep at the wheel.

The Association suggest that drivers in accidents should be required to furnish a comprehensive report on their eyes.

The Ministry of Transport say: "A requirement that some individuals should wear glasses while driving would be unenforceable." To this the Association's reply is that legislation should be brought in whereby eye tests should become a necessary part of the driving test.



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ROAD TRANSPORT LEVY

White Paper Reveals Government Plan

Opposition Expressed By Trade Organisations

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, May 11.

Road haulage in Britain, which was nationalised by the Labour Government in 1947, is to be handed back to private enterprise. This is the main proposal of the Government's plan for reorganisation of inland transport which was published in a White Paper at the end of last week.

Broadly speaking the Government's plan is to revert to the conditions prevailing before the Transport Act of 1947 when road and rail transport competed freely one with the other.

At the same time, however, it has proposed certain measures to protect the railways from loss of revenue when this competition is revived.

First stage in the Government plan will be to divide the Road Haulage Executives Undertaking, totalling 40,000 vehicles, into "operable units" which will then be offered for sale to the public by open tender.

The vehicles were originally acquired by the British Transport Commission at a cost of about £80 million, of which some £30 million was paid for the good-will.

But as that goodwill has, in the words of the White Paper, "substantially disappeared," it is thought unlikely that the undertaking can be sold at the price at which it was bought.

The Government therefore proposes that a levy, designed to yield initially £4 million a year, should be raised on all road transport—with the single exception of local delivery vans—to amortise the loss on the disposal of the undertaking over a period of years.

Part of the money raised by the levy will also be used to offset any loss of revenue suffered by the railways through the transfer of traffic to the roads.

MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

As far as the railways are concerned, the Government does not propose any change in the present system of public ownership. The proposed changes in this important section of the transport system are solely concerned with the method of administration.

One of the problems which the Government transport policy is designed to solve is that of "excessive centralisation." It proposes to do this by giving greater autonomy to area management in all matters except those relating to finance and rail charges which will remain the responsibility of the Transport Commission.

The existence of these separate areas, the White Paper says, "should encourage a healthy rivalry between them and give greater scope for initiative than is possible under a single centralised administration."

At the same time the Transport Commission is to be given greater latitude to vary its charges "so as to improve the ability of the railways to compete with other forms of transport."

It will be permitted to raise or lower its charges within the prescribed limits, seeking subsequent approval from the Transport Tribunal.

NO INDICATION

The White Paper gives no indication of how the Government proposes to raise the new levy on road transport. And it is equally vague about the exact purpose to which the levy is to be put.

To what extent it will be used to amortise the loss on the disposal of the Road Haulage Executives Undertaking will not be known until the loss itself has been measured.

When that is known and the period of amortisation is determined, the remaining element in the levy will be used to subsidise the railways.

And it says the White Paper, need be increased only to the extent that the roads attract additional traffic and therefore additional earnings from the railways.

General effect of these proposals will, it is hoped, be to re-establish a measure of competition between road and rail in long-distance haulage and therefore encourage efficiency in both.

ADVERSE REACTION

The Government believes that as a result of these changes "trade and industry will get a better service and the distribution of traffic between road and rail will be determined by the advantage which each has to offer to the trader."

Comment on the Government's transport plan has not been entirely favourable. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders has pointed out that motor taxation now amounts to nearly £340 million a year—five times the total amount to be spent on roads this year.

The additional levy, it says, can only mean an addition to road transport costs. The British Road Federation has expressed much the same view. "Levy-raiding," it says, "is a system virtually unchanged since the 19th Century. It says, 'can only stallify the Government's intention to raise the overall efficiency of transport.'"

Most serious objection to the new levy, however, is that it will

sooner or later be passed on to the public in the form of higher transport charges and this would certainly conflict with the economic policy of a government whose avowed intention is to keep down the cost of living.

A stiff test awaits the new Minister of Transport, Mr. A. T. Lennox-Boyd, whose task it will be to steer the Government's Transport Bill through the House of Commons.

He will not only have to overcome the opposition of trade organisations to the new levy but also carry out the Government's plan to sell the Road Haulage Executives Undertaking back to private hauliers in the face of the Socialist threat to re-nationalise road transport if they regain power.

Demand For Gold Shares In London

London, May 11.

The markets have looked a bit silly this week.

On the strength of a brief lull in political tensions in South Africa, speculators went gaily into gold shares, hitherto conspicuously avoided.

Judging by the indices of closing prices, they lifted the market values of dividend-paying shares by more than five per cent and those of developing companies by no less than nine per cent. Unless the public comes in and supports them, their task seems substantial.

Largely on the strength of Mr. Churchill's broadcast last week, in which he told the country that he was determined to have the Conservatives stay in power for another three or four years, interest in gilt-edged developed but lasted only three days.

For the second batch of local elections showed, like the first, that the Labour Party is gaining heavily.

Old Consols ended the week at 80 compared with 81½. The most active market was in Japanese bonds, where selling had been quiet and persistent.

The May Day riots in Tokyo touched it off but the effect of that was only transitory.

What seems to be influencing the market now is the belief that the Yoshida Government may be overthrown and replaced by another Government determined to resume trade with Red China and thus save the country's economy from collapse.

With no hue and cry whatever Tokyo Electric bonds have fallen from £170—their pre-May Day price—to £162. The 1907's fell from £193 to £183 and 1930's from £146 to £141.

British industrialists had a dull week. Although this is the season for all companies' dividends oils had no strength.

Coppers lost ground and rubbers were weak.—United Press.

Palm Export Decrease

Washington, May 11.

The Department of Agriculture reported that Indonesian exports of palm oil and palm kernels during 1951 were 107,008 and 27,007 tons, respectively, a decrease of 10 per cent and four per cent from the 1950 figures.

Exports of palm oil to all destinations except Singapore and Malaya decreased in 1951, but the destination pattern of exports has changed in several respects.

The Netherlands continued to be the principal destination, with 69,007 tons. The United States became the second largest market, with 21,045 tons, against only 22,000 tons the previous year.

Exports to the United Kingdom and Germany have dropped about 50 per cent.—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Only \$118,244.80 worth of shares changed hands on the Stock Exchange this morning. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions—

MARKET INDEXES	SELLERS SALES
HSK Bank	140 1400 5 9 1000
HSK Insurance	140 1400 5 9 1000
HSK Land	140 1400 5 9 1000
HSK Shipping	140 1400 5 9 1000
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HSK Tobacco	140 1400 5 9 1000
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HSK Miscellaneous	140 1400 5 9 1000

Slow Business In Textiles

New York, May 11.

All the basic textile markets experienced another week of slow business. Buyers continued to have things pretty much their own way.

The cheer generated in cotton goods in mid-week by the recovery in raw cotton prices and proposals to speed up government buying of textiles was modified later.

Cotton goods consumers said agencies buying cotton goods would not increase their overall purchases but hereafter would strive to give preference awards to mills working on reduced schedules.

Opinion was mixed on the effect of the Government's suspension of credit controls on the majority of observers seemed to feel that cars, refrigerators, television sets and other durable goods are likely to get consumer preference over soft goods lines.—United Press.

Rubber Futures In S'pore

Singapore, May 10.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—

Number 3 rubber, June ..	77½-
Number 4 rubber, June ..	73½-
Spot rubber, unbleached	84 -
Blanket crepe	88 -
No. 1 pale crepe	105 -
—United Press	

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per \$1)	6.50
Sterling note (per £1)	15.70
Indonesian guilders (per 100)	3.70
Siamese bahts (per 100)	29.50
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—United Press.

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"EASTWAY" June 13	Singapore, Penang & Belawan/Deli
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"TJIKANG" July 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TJIKODOK" July 7	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TJIKANAS" July 8	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"RUYS" July 9	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TILUWAN" July 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TJIKAMPER" July 23	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
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"TJIKALANGKA" Aug. 9	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TILUWAN" Aug. 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
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